

Summary for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in schools

If someone becomes unwell at school:

- If anyone becomes unwell at school, they must be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. The rest of their household should self-isolate for 14 days.
- while awaiting collection, the person should be moved to an isolated room or 2 metres away from others
- if they need to use the bathroom, use a separate one and clean and disinfect before it is used by anyone else
- staff caring for the person while awaiting collection should wear PPE if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained
- in an emergency, schools should call 999 if they are seriously ill
- clean the affected area once the person has left the building

Staff members who helped the person:

- Do not need to go home, unless they display symptoms (or unless the person tests positive)
- wash hands for 20 seconds

Testing:

- All staff and pupils in schools have access to a test and should be tested if they have symptoms. Parents will be able to use the 111 online coronavirus service.

If a person tests negative:

- Where the person tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

If a person tests positive:

- Where the person tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their school should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
- schools should close for 24 hours and conduct a thorough deep clean
- if more than one person in school is confirmed as a positive case, please contact Nikki Thorne, Head of Estates (will need to get Public Health advice as part of the test and trace)

Links to guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

[COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#)

[COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#)