



COVID-19 symptoms in pupils or staff

1. Immediately **isolate** the symptomatic pupil/member of staff to avoid further contact with others.
2. Arrange for the pupil to be collected from school. If a staff member, send them home.
3. **Use PPE** whilst the child / young person is awaiting collection if there is face to face contact (type IIR mask, risk assess eye protection) or physical contact (gloves, apron, type IIR mask, risk assess eye protection). Refer to [guidance on use of PPE in educational settings](#).
4. **Clean** areas which may have been contaminated: all surfaces which the symptomatic person may have had contact with. Dispose of potentially contaminated waste (used PPE, cleaning waste) in line with instructions. Refer to [Guidance on cleaning non-health settings](#)
5. Tell parents / member of staff to **book a PCR test** through the [online coronavirus test booking service](#) or by calling 119. People with symptoms awaiting PCR test results are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while waiting for results.
6. Tell parents/member of staff to **notify the school** immediately of the result of the test and to keep the school updated on progress of the patient.
7. Those with a negative test result can return to school if they feel well.
8. Children and young people who test positive should not attend their education setting while they are infectious, for up to 10 days. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If two consecutive test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.
9. Adults who test positive are advised to stay at home for up to 10 days and avoid contact with other people, especially those in at-risk groups. They can also take LFD tests from 5 days and return to work after two consecutive negative test results, as long as they feel well enough and do not have a temperature.

Positive COVID-19 test results

If a person tests positive for coronavirus, whether by LFD or PCR test, they are advised to stay at home for up to 10 days and avoid contact with other people, especially those in at-risk groups. Refer to [guidance for people with COVID and their contacts](#).

Individuals may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after symptoms started (or the day test was taken if no symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If two consecutive test results are negative, and the person does not have a high temperature, they can safely return to work/school after the second negative test.

NHS Test and Trace is being stood down from 24 Feb 2022. Close contacts will no longer be identified and contacted. However, people who live with someone with coronavirus, or who know they have been in close contact with someone who has confirmed coronavirus, are still advised to take precautions to reduce risk of infecting others. Refer to [guidance for people with COVID and their contacts](#).

Confirmed COVID-19: next steps

Schools should continue to notify the Local Authority of all confirmed COVID-19 cases, with numbers and year groups affected using [this form](#).

Until notified otherwise, schools should report confirmed cases to the DfE via the [attendance form daily return](#).

The [Education Contingency Framework](#) has not yet been updated (24.2.2022). If there are several cases, schools should consider whether the thresholds in the Contingency Framework are met for further action.

The DfE Helpline on 0800 046 8687 option 1 will continue to provide advice on COVID-related queries until 31.3.2022 and can escalate queries to the local Health Protection Team if required.