

COVID-19

Public Health advice for all settings and schools

GUIDANCE

If children have any of the major symptoms suggesting COVID-19 they must get tested.

The major symptoms are: new continuous cough, fever, loss of taste or smell.

Until the test results are back the child and all family members must remain at home and self-isolate, but only those people who have symptoms need to be tested.

Children who have symptoms of other common illnesses for example a runny nose or upset stomach, do not need to be tested or isolated. The usual practice applies in these cases.

Who needs a test?

If a child or staff member is unwell with any of the four major COVID-19 symptoms (however mild), they need to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of the symptoms, or until they get a negative test result.

All their household members need to self-isolate for 14 days, unless the person with symptoms receives a negative test. They do not need to be tested unless they develop symptoms themselves.