

What will happen if someone becomes unwell at an educational setting?



General Information for Parents and Carers

Does the pupil have a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia?)

Yes

The pupil must not come into the educational setting. They must follow [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection.’](#) The parent/carer should notify the educational setting. They should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms start and should arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when symptoms began in the suspected case

No

You should follow the normal sickness procedure for the educational setting

Book a test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by telephone (NHS 119) if you do not have internet access. Tests should be booked as soon as possible no matter how mild symptoms are.

POSITIVE RESULT

If the pupil tests positive they must **continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days** from the onset of their symptoms and inform their educational setting immediately. They should only return to school if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. If they still have a high temperature, they should **keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the 14 days.**

NEGATIVE RESULT

If the pupil tests negative, they can return to the educational setting and stop self-isolating when they are well and free from symptoms. Other members of their household (including siblings) can stop self-isolating too. **If you are contacted by Public Health England (PHE) as a contact of a case, you must continue to self-isolate for 14 days even if you test negative.**

Frequently Asked Questions – Other Guidance for Parents and Carers

What happens if a pupil becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 (a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) in an educational setting?

- The pupil will be sent home and should follow ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed ‘coronavirus infection’ with members of their household (including siblings.)
- Whilst the pupil is awaiting collection, actions to improve ventilation and minimise contact will be taken
- Following collection staff will follow hand hygiene processes and will clean any affected area.
- The educational setting will inform parents, carers and pupils if additional actions are required.

When a pupil or staff member has attended an educational setting and tests positive, the educational setting will inform parents and carers about additional actions that are required. The educational setting will receive support from PHE and Sefton Council.

What happens for other pupils if a pupil or member of staff tests positive after attending an educational setting?

The educational setting will inform parents and carers about additional actions that are required. The educational setting will receive support from PHE and Sefton Council.

What happens if there is an outbreak in an educational setting?

Where an outbreak in a school is confirmed by Public Health England, different actions will be taken, and educational settings will follow PHE advice. For example, PHE may recommend that a larger number of pupils self-isolate.