



St Clement's Church of England Academy

Procedures for pupils or staff displaying illness or symptoms of Covid in school

In school

You should not send your child into school if they are displaying any possible symptoms of Covid.

If your child complains of any illness the usual procedures apply in a phone call home and stay at home for 2 days after vomiting/ diarrhea stops.

If your child displays a high temperature alone and/or a frequent cough and/or any of the known symptoms of Covid, they will be moved immediately into an isolation room and you will be called to collect them as soon as possible. The child will stay in the isolation with an adult until they go home.

At this point you should take your child for a Covid test or keep them off school for a minimum of 2 days to check for any other symptoms. Without a test result, they will not be allowed to return for at least 2 days after initial symptoms as long as no new symptoms appear and original symptoms have stopped.

System of Controls- response to any infection

Promote and engage with NHS Test and Trace

Staff members, parents and carers will need to:

- book a test if they or their child has symptoms - the main symptoms are:
 - o a high temperature
 - o a new continuous cough
 - o a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
 - self-isolate immediately and not come to school if:
 - o they develop symptoms
 - o they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - o they are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries
 - o they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace

Booking a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test through 119

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests for symptomatic illness can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus (COVID-19) website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

All children and young people can be tested if they have symptoms. This includes children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents or carers if using a home testing kit.

You should inform the school as soon as you get results by phone 0121 4644652 (during school hours) or by email out of hours-
admin@stclemce.bham.sch.uk

Schools will consider closure of a bubble if pupils or staff have been in close contact with a confirmed case within 2 days of test/symptoms.

The isolation period is 10 days from onset of symptoms or positive test. Other people in the pupil's household do not need to isolate if a pupil is sent home through close contact unless symptoms develop or a positive test result is received.

Close contact means:

- anyone who lives in the same household as someone with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) with a PCR or LFD test:
 - o face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre
 - o been within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - o sexual contacts
 - o been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)



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Isolation means not leaving the house or mixing with/ allowing anyone else into the house for ANY reason

Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the pupil or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms, unless they have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or their public health protection team, in which case they must self-isolate. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within the 10 days from the day after contact with the individual who tested positive, they should follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 10-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their school immediately, and should isolate from the day of onset of their symptoms and at least the following 10 full days. Their household should self-isolate starting from when the household first had symptoms and the next 10 full days, following [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

Containing any outbreak by following PHE local health protection team advice

If school has 2 or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, we will call the dedicated advice service who will escalate the issue to your local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required. In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. This could be the class or year group. We will not close a bubble unless advised to do so by PHE.

Admitting children and staff back to the school

The pupil or staff member who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) can return to their normal routine and stop self-isolating after they have finished their isolation period and their symptoms have gone or if they continue to have only a residual cough or anosmia. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. If they still have a high temperature after 10 days or are otherwise unwell, you should advise them to stay at home and seek medical advice.

Primary schools

Staff in primary schools will continue to test with LFDs twice a week at home, as per existing guidance on testing for staff in primary schools and nurseries.

Primary age pupils will not be tested with LFDs. Public Health England have advised there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing primary pupils with lateral flow devices. Primary age pupils may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.

We hope this helps you to understand the procedures we are following in school.