

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A SUSPECTED / CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 IN YOUR SCHOOL OR SETTING

Coopers Lane Primary

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

If anyone in your school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice.

You should follow the procedure for a pupil with symptoms awaiting collection.

For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport.

Contact Tracing

NHS Test and Trace will work with any positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts.

Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by **NHS Test and Trace** where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.

This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive ([unless you are not required to self-isolate – check over if this applies to you](#))
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK.

When you do not need to self-isolate

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- [you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS](#)
- [you're under 18 years, 6 months old](#)
- [you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial](#)
- [you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons](#)

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a **PCR test**.

All individuals should take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children aged under 18 years 6 months, who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in a school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a school to temporarily reintroduce some additional control measures (see [Outbreak Management Plan](#))