

## 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](#))