



Symptoms, Illness and Self-isolation

A. Symptoms at home

If your child or someone your child lives with has any of the following, **however mild**:

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

They must

- Stay at home and not leave the house for 7 days from when the symptoms started.
- All the people living in their house also need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- For anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.

B. Symptoms in School

If a child in school has any of the following, **however mild**:

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

We will

- Isolate them in a ventilated room away from all other children.
- Staff with them will wear gloves, an apron and a mask.
- We will contact parents to come and collect their child.
- We will take the child up to meet parents at the gate. Parents will not be able to enter school.
- We will thoroughly clean the ventilated room after the child has left.
- If the child needs the toilet before collection, the toilet will be fully cleaned before anyone else can use it again.

If a staff member in school has any symptoms they will immediately go home and self-isolate.

The process in section A will now need to be followed for the household of the child or staff member.

All areas where these people have been will be thoroughly cleaned. In the case of a child, the area will then be closed off for 72 hours. Where there is no other available room, the class will need to stay at home for 72 hours. Parents of children within the class will be informed of the need to be extra vigilant because someone within the group has shown symptoms.

At this point we would encourage the person with symptoms to get a test. From June 1st, everyone over the age of 5 can go online and request a test.

If a child or staff member tests negatively they can return to school. Household self-isolation can also end.

If a staff member or child has a positive test then. All children and staff that have been in that group will have to self-isolate for 14 days.

The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms.

C. Other Illness

Disappointingly, children will still become unwell with all the usual childhood ailments e.g. sickness, diarrhoea, chicken pox. There is no change to our usual policies on these. For example, if your child is sick they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last episode. Please phone school if your child is unwell or use the reporting absence section in Parentmail.