



What do I do if my child or one of my household has the following symptoms?

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Box 1

If your child has one of these symptoms

You must book a test either

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

or Ring 119

You should let school know as soon as possible by emailing admin@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01423 883551 between 8.30 and 4.30

Your child and all your family should self -isolate until the test results are back. No brothers or sisters may attend school until the result of the test is known.

As soon as you have the test results let school know.

If it is negative your child may return as soon as they are better and brothers and sisters can come back to school.

If it is positive the school will act on the Government Guidelines and the whole class will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days

Box 2

If a household member has one of these symptoms

You should book a test either

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or Ring 119

You should let school know as soon as possible by emailing admin@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01423 883551 between 8.30 and 4.30

Your child and all your family should self -isolate until the test results are back. No one should attend school until the result of the test is known

As soon as you have the test results let school know.

Your child can return to school if the test is negative or they have been in self – isolation for 14 days after the onset of the symptoms of the household member.

If your child subsequently develops symptoms please look at Box 1 and follow these steps.

In this case the rest of your child's class will continue to attend school as normal unless your child subsequently tests positive.

What happens to other children in my family if one of my children has to self -isolate because their class is off school?

As long as no one in your household has symptoms the other children may attend school.

If someone in your household does develop symptoms then please follow the advice in Box 1 or 2.

What happens if my child develops the symptoms at school?

You will be rung immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

The staff looking after your child will be wearing PPE (apron, mask, visor and gloves) and they will be waiting for you in a well ventilated space.

You should then following the instructions in Box 1

What happens if I am contacted by NHS Test and Trace telling us that the family need to self-isolate for 14 days?

You should let school know as soon as possible by emailing admin@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01423 883551 between 8.30 and 4.30

Your child and all your family should self -isolate according to the instructions given to you by the contact service. They will tell you which members of your family should self-isolate and for how long. Please let the school know what you were told.

If your child or a household member subsequently develops symptoms please look at Box 1 and Box 2 and follow these steps.

In this case, the rest of your child's class will continue to attend school as normal.

What happens if my child's teacher or TA develop symptoms?

They will get a test.

They will not attend school until the result of the test is known.

If the result is positive the school will act on the Government Guidelines and the whole class will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days.

What happens if a member of staff who works in more than one class tests positive?

There are very few staff in school who do this however in this case, the Public Health Department will guide school as to which classes if any will self-isolate.

This would also apply if Mrs Davey, Mr Hughes, Mrs Daggett, the office staff, caretakers and dinner staff tested positive.

How will I know what is going on?

If a child or adult in your child's class has one of these symptoms the whole class will receive a letter. This asks you to be vigilant but also gives you time to plan what you will do if the test is subsequently positive and the class is sent home to self-isolate for 14 days.

You should try not to worry if you receive one of these letters. A temperature or cough could be a sign of any childhood illness and most tests return negative.

Children should continue to attend school as normal.

Once school have been given the result of the test we will let everyone know. Generally this will be a letter saying the child has a negative test and everything will revert to normal. If they test positive the letter will tell you what to do next.

There will not be a letter if the child with symptoms is not in your child's class as within school the children are not mixing. This includes classes of brothers and sisters as they are not displaying symptoms.

Sources of information

The NHS website has lots of information including a symptom checker

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

You can Ring 111 if you are worried about your child or do not know what to do

You can talk to your GP – there are children with Asthma in particular, who have an asthma cough – they can attend school as long as your GP says it is the asthma and they do not need a test. You should seek advice each time the cough is worse just in case you need to get a test.

What about other illnesses?

If you have a runny nose, a cold , you are coughing up catarrh or you have a sickness bug you just let school know as normal and return when you are better – these are not symptoms of Covid and school will treat them as any other illness.

If your doctor has diagnosed tonsillitis, sinusitis, a different virus and has said your child does not have Covid then school will treat them as any other illness and they should return to school when better.