

Dear Parents/Carers,

**The Department for Education has issued the following guidance to schools:**

**What to do if a child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)**

If anyone in your setting develops a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

**The guidance also states that schools should:**

Call parents/legal guardian to collect child and take them home. Advise them that all household members will need to isolate and refer them to the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).

**Schools are also advised:**

When parents/legal guardian pick up the child, advise them to get the child tested and notify school of the results.

Please inform us immediately of the results of any test and follow this guidance:

1. If someone tests negative and they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
2. If someone tests positive, they must follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

***With this in mind as a parent/carer, please ensure that you do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the above symptoms as you will be asked to come and collect them and take them home and follow the guidelines above.***

