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It is vitally important that no one displaying symptoms of Covid attends school or nursery.

If your child or anyone in your household is showing ANY of the symptoms of Covid, all members of the household need to isolate immediately and the person with symptoms should have a Covid test.

The symptoms of Covid are:

- 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 three 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.

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested.

All members of the household must also isolate until the result of the test is back. Please alert your child's school if you have taken them for a test (and only access a COVID test for individuals if they develop symptoms).

Isolation means you should stay at home. Do not go to work, go out shopping or take your children to school or nursery. You will need to make arrangements for family or friends to help out. You should not socialise or have any visitors to your home.

If the test of the person with symptoms is negative, then no-one needs to isolate and the child should return to school or nursery once they feel well.

If the test of the person with symptoms is positive then the person who has tested positive for Covid must isolate for 10 days and everyone else in the house must isolate for 14 days. Parents/carers should make schools/educational settings and workplaces aware of any positive test.

Testing is available locally. Anyone with any of the coronavirus symptoms is advised to book a test online www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

For further information about Covid, please call 111 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Home to School transport

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, including Covid-19 symptoms, and they receive designated Home to School transport from the Council please contact the transport team as soon as possible. They will ask the transport provider not to attempt to pick up your child. To resume transport, contact the team and they can resume arrangements for the next school day.

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