

Updated Covid Guidance

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can return to school and resume normal activities 24 hours after they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

It is now not recommended that children are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child has a positive COVID-19 test result or displays symptoms including high temperature, fever or chills, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

At the end of this period, if a child has a high temperature or feels unwell, they should continue to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until 24 hours after they no longer have a high temperature and they feel well enough to resume normal activities. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Contacts of those with a positive test result

Children who have contact with someone with a positive test result **do not** need to stay away from school.