

IMPORTANT Advice for Schools

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) **Symptoms in Children**

A child who develops one or more of the following symptoms should be considered as a potential coronavirus case:



NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual).



FEVER (Temperature of 37.8°C or higher)

The child will also feel hot to touch on their chest or back.



A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF TASTE OR SMELL

This means the child has noticed they cannot taste or smell anything, or things taste or smell different to normal.

Most children with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.



If a child is unwell, with one or more of these specific symptoms, they should be told not to come in to school or sent home as soon as possible and advised to get a coronavirus test. **ONLY** those children with one or more of these symptoms or those advised by the clinician or by the local authority should get a test.



Children reporting other symptoms such as a headache, a sore throat, runny or sniffly nose, earache, itchy eyes, lethargy or tiredness **WITHOUT** a fever should **NOT** be treated as potential coronavirus cases or advised to take a test.

If the national guidance on symptoms of coronavirus in children changes, updated information will be provided at a local level as soon as possible. This information about coronavirus symptoms can be shared with all school teaching and administration staff as well as parents and carers where necessary.