



Advice on what to do if a child or family member is unwell.

Does your child have symptoms of a cold? If so please keep them off Pre-School for a couple of days and return them to Pre-School should the symptoms improve. If symptoms do not improve please follow the guidance below.

**1. Does the child / adult have any of the following Covid-19 symptoms?**

- 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)
- Fever – temperature of 37.8C or above
- Loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste & smell

**2. Go to the [111.nhs.co.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) website and complete the questions to see if the symptoms point to a suspected case.**

**3. Pending on the website advice follow the next 'yes' or 'no' step.**

Yes

**Suspected case of Covid-19**

- Pre-School to advise child/adult to be tested ASAP
- Pre-School will record relevant information and advise appropriately.
- Pre-School will advise that child/adult with symptoms should isolate for 10 days from the onset of their symptoms.
- All members of their household should also isolate for 14 days from the same date.

Child/adult receives a **negative** test result.

The child/adult receives a **positive** test result, Pre-School to follow confirmed case guidance.

No

Manage as you would any other illness:

If diarrhoea or vomiting, child/adult must stay off Pre-School/work whilst symptomatic and for 48 hours after the last symptom.

**RETURN TO PRE-SCHOOL/WORK AS SOON AS YOU ARE WELL ENOUGH TO DO SO.**

Absence will be recorded as an illness, not related to Covid-19

**If a child or member of staff in Pre-School has symptoms and tests negative:** For Covid-19, provided they feel well, they can return to Pre-School and all other household members can end their isolation too (providing they do not have symptoms of the virus).

**However,** if someone from Pre-School has been identified as a direct CLOSE CONTACT of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 **they must then complete the 14 day isolation period, no matter what.** This is because if they test negative, the virus may still be incubating and might show up a few days later.

**Confirmed case of Covid-19**

- Parent/adult to provide date symptoms began and the date of the test.
- Pre-School to gather information and report to the DFE dedicated NHS advice team for schools.
- Pre-School/Hub will help identify contacts and will communicate with parents & carers the setting's position.
- Child/adult recorded as absent with Covid-19.