

As you are aware Covid-19 guidance is changing regularly. In line with new Stockton guidance we have updated our Covid-19 information. Please discard previous communication.

This is guidance came into effect on 9.9.20. From now any further Covid-19 changes will be added to the school website.

What to do if My child shows symptoms of Covid 19



Any child with one of the symptoms of Covid-19 should not leave their house or attend any school setting for any reason. The symptoms 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 3 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

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

NHS advice for those with symptoms can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If any member of the household is showing symptoms the whole family should follow the self-isolation advice <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>



Parents should telephone the school office on 01642 780742 to inform them the child will not be in school. Parent will be advised to seek advice from the NHS helpline 111 and they may be advised to contact NHS helpline 119 to book a test.



My Child has a test.....what next?



The current NHS advice on a negative test result can be found here;



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/>



However the Stockton Public Health advice is ' the accuracy of the test results may mean if you receive a negative result from your test you may still in fact have the virus. Due to this risk, the Council has advised schools to follow the guidelines in the table below to minimise the risk of transmission.'

**Durham Lane Primary School will be following these guidelines –
Updated on 10.9.20**

Pupil status	COVID test result	Actions
Pupil with symptoms	Positive	Continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste* Study from home depending on how well you are. Where a pupil tests positive, following the advice of public health, close contacts that may include the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
Pupil with symptoms	Negative	If individual feels well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self isolating.
Pupil with no symptoms but living with a household member with symptoms.	Household member tests positive	Continue with household isolation for 14 days. Continue good hand hygiene. Study from home If child becomes symptomatic inform school.
Pupil living with a household member with symptoms	Household member test negative i.e. virus not detected in household member	You may return to school provided: You agree your return with your school You have no symptoms and, Continue good hand hygiene. If you become symptomatic inform your school.

*A cough or anosmia may continue once other symptoms have cleared and the individual no longer has the virus

To support Test and Trace and efforts to control the virus, Durham Lane will explain to parents/carers that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- book a test if displaying symptoms
- provide details to NHS Test and Trace of anyone they have been in close contact with
- self-isolate if required.

School will continue to monitor any suspected cases of Covid-19 and will contact Stockton Health Team/Public Health England (PHE) following guidelines. Public Health England will advise the school what action to take to minimise the risk of transmission.