

What to do if a member of the community presents with symptoms

Please see below the updated guidance regarding the above:

Anyone with symptoms or a positive result must self-isolate for 10 days. Anyone with symptoms should be tested. Ensuring the children, staff and other adults do not come to settings if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in settings and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). All settings must follow this process and ensure all staff are aware of it. If anyone in the setting has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19): a high temperature, new and persistent cough or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), however mild, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when their symptoms started; or if they are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), they should self-isolate for at least 10 days starting from the day the test was taken. Any members of staff who have helped someone with symptoms and any children who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate. Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test.

We should report any positive case to the local Health Protection Team and to Ofsted. We should not ask for proof of a negative test. We should look out for rises in sickness absence

Settings must take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Settings should contact the local health protection team. Settings should not request evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children or welcoming them back after a period of self-isolation. If settings have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, settings may have an outbreak, and must contact their local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required. Any confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the setting (either child or staff member), and /or if the setting is advised to close as a result, should be swiftly reported to Ofsted through the usual notification channels.

Only essential visits from parents/professionals should occur and we should keep a record of these for track and trace

Wherever possible, settings are encouraged to avoid visitors entering their premises. In instances where settings need to use other essential professionals such as social workers, speech and language therapists or counsellors, or professionals to support delivery of a child's EHC plan, settings should assess whether the professionals need to attend in person or can do so virtually. If they need to attend in person, they should closely follow the protective measures in the setting, and the number of attendances should be kept to a minimum. Where possible to do so, social distancing should be maintained. Settings should consider how to manage other visitors to the site, such as contractors, and ensure site guidance on social distancing and hygiene is explained to visitors on or before arrival. Where visits can happen outside of setting hours, a record should be kept of all visitors where this is practical. Parents and carers should not be allowed into the setting unless this is essential, and children should be dropped off and collected at the door if possible. Settings should consider providing virtual tours for prospective parents and carers wishing to visit the setting for September admissions.

Please ensure that you do your part to ensure that the children, staff and the wider community remain vigilant and prevent the transmission of COVID-19 by adhering to the above guidance. Thank you for your support.