**What to do if there is a suspected Covid-19 case at home**



**Do not send your child to school**

Children should not come into school if they have Covid-19 symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.

Symptoms:

* A high temperature
* A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
* A loss or change to sense of smell or taste



**Let us know**

If your child displays symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19, you must inform school immediately.

Please ring 0151 424 2799 or email: school@widnesacademy.co.uk



**Book a test**

If your child is displaying Covid symptoms, you will need to book a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus webpages: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

If you don’t have internet access, tests can also be ordered by telephone via NHS 119.

All household members should self-isolate until the result of the test is known.



**After you get the test results**

If your child tests negative, they can return to school and their fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

If your child tests positive, they need to self-isolate for 10 days. They can return to school after this time if they do not have symptoms. All members of the household must self-isolate for 14 days.

**What we will do if there is a suspected case in school**



**If a child becomes unwell in school with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, we will contact their parent/carer immediately.**

The child will be sent home and advised to follow government guidance:

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)



**We will move your child to a safe place with a member of staff.**

While your child is awaiting collection they will be moved to room away from other pupils. They will be isolated from other members of the school but a staff member will remain with them. The external doors and window will remain open to that room to provide further ventilation.



**If a child or a staff member develops symptoms compatible with Covid-19 they will be sent home and advised to have a test and self-isolate for 10 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.**



**If a child or a member of staff tests negative, they can return to school and their fellow household can end their self-isolation.**



**If a child or a member of staff test positive, the school will engage with the local authority and Public Health and take direction from them.**

It is likely that their class pod will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that group do not need to self-isolate unless the pupil or staff member they live with subsequently develop symptoms.

**Please be advised that guidance and symptoms are continually updated, so for all the latest information please see:** [**https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)