

SUSPECTED CASE OF COVID-19

This flow chart should be used if a child becomes unwell with **any** of the following symptoms:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell

If in doubt, symptomatic children that do not fit the above clinical criteria should also be tested.

If a child/staff has any of the symptoms listed above, make arrangements to send them home. Advise them to get tested for Covid-19 and **self-isolate for 10 days starting from the day after the date of onset of symptoms**
If they are seriously ill, injured or their life is at risk, call 999. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

Whilst awaiting collection (child):

- Move the child to a room where they can be isolated. This should be behind a closed door, with an open window for ventilation.
- If this is not possible, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.
- Depending on the age of the child, they should be appropriately supervised by a staff member. The staff member should wear PPE if they cannot maintain a distance of 2 metres.
- If the child needs to go to the bathroom, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

The incident should be reported to the Schools Team at Rochdale Borough Council. Specific case related should also be sent to the schools team to be raised with the infection control duty desk.

Send out 'Advice for Parents/Carers following illness in school' letters

After any contact with the unwell child, staff should thoroughly wash their hands for 20 seconds. Staff who have had contact with the unwell child do not need to go home unless the **child tests positive** or they develop symptoms themselves (see flow chart for confirmed case)

Any areas visited by a symptomatic child/staff should be thoroughly cleaned with normal household disinfectant. Please find more information about cleaning in the national guidance: [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home - GOV.UK](#)

Once at home, the child/staff and household should follow [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK](#). The entire household should isolate and the child/staff should have a test for COVID-19. Household members who develop symptoms should be tested. To arrange test at local walk-in testing, please contact: **0808 1964 100**

- Rochdale Leisure Centre carpark, Entwistle Street
- Market Place Car Park next to Middleton Arena, Old Hall Street
- Heywood Civic Centre

Await the test results

If a **test result is not expected** (for example, the child/staff is unable to have a test or a parent has refused to test their child.

If the child's test is **positive**- refer to the flow chart for confirmed cases

If the child's test is **negative**- they can return to their school once they symptom free for 48 hours, and the household can end their self-isolation.

Re-visit the list of symptoms

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- a high temperature
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Follow the [Stay At Home](#) guidance and advise the child with symptoms and their household to self-isolate.

Contacts/Bubble do not need to isolate or get tested unless they have developed any symptoms themselves.

If they have **symptoms that do not precisely fit the criteria** related to Covid19 (left box), only the symptomatic child/staff should be asked to self-isolate until they are symptom free for 48 hours.

Contacts/Bubble do not need to isolate or get tested unless they have developed any symptoms themselves.