



Fierté Multi Academy Trust
Ankermoor Primary Academy



Suspected Covid 19 Case - September
(changes to previous copy in red)

Isolating - Step 1

If a child or staff member presents with COVID-19 symptoms (fever/ persistent cough or change in taste/smell), the person should be sent home as soon as possible. In the case of a child awaiting collection, they will be isolated in the headteacher's office with the window left open. Their temperature will be taken using an infrared thermometer. If the child is young and needs an adult to care for them, the adult should wear a mask, gloves, apron and eye protection (if required). If the child has to go to the toilet, nobody should then use this toilet until it has been cleaned. Staff who have looked after the child do not need to go home unless they are displaying symptoms. They should wash their hands thoroughly and dispose of the PPE they have worn. When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with Coronavirus, **they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate and book a test. Their fellow household members should also self-isolate. Parents within the bubble will be informed.**

Testing - Step 2

Tests should be carried out in the first 4 days of symptoms. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of Coronavirus. For staff members a test is requested by emailing: covid19workforce@northstaffs.nhs.uk.

For pupils and their families, they should call 119 to arrange testing. A small number of tests are being provided to schools from September.

Outcome of testing - Step 3

a) If a child or staff member tests positive, the staff member working with the group and the group need to be sent home and to self-isolate for 14 days. **NHS track and trace will be put in place. Remote learning will re-commence. Other family members do not need to isolate unless the person or staff member they live with develops symptoms.**

b) **For staff or pupils who test negative. Once they are completely symptom free they may return to the school setting if they feel well enough to do so.**

Further investigation if required

- **For any positive cases, schools should contact the local health protection team.**
- **The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.**
- **If more than two cases are confirmed, PHE will treat.**
- **If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, they may have an outbreak, and must continue to work with their local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.**

