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Sickness strategy to follow during phased re-opening of Avanti House Primary School

Actions if a pupil or staff member shows COVID-19 symptoms



Pupil or staff member displays COVID-19 symptoms. Pupil or staff member must go in the isolation room.



Send home and advise to self-isolate for 7 days. Household members should self-isolate for 14 days. Encourage to get tested.



If test is negative, return to school and household ends self-isolation. If test is positive, move to 'confirmed case' scenario.

Actions if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school



Pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.



Individual receives medical advice and/or treatment. Class or group sent home and told to self-isolate for 14 days.



If other cases are detected within the school, report to PHE who will investigate and advise.

For further guidance – please read the following Government links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings#>

Additional questions

Will contact tracing be in place in educational and childcare settings?

The government has launched a new national test and trace programme. This will bring together an app, expanded web and phone-based contact tracing, and swab testing for those with potential coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms. This programme will play an important role in helping to minimise the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the future. It will also include more traditional methods of contact tracing if a child, young person or parent test positive. This could include, for example, direct



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discussion with parents and schools or colleges on recent contacts. The government is recruiting 18,000 contact tracers to support contact tracing and will recruit more if needed. They will play an important part in tracing the contacts of those with coronavirus (COVID-19), including children.

What happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting?

If anyone at Avanti House Primary School becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection guidance](#).

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to the D and T room (isolation room) with a designated adult who will wear the appropriate PPE, maintaining a distance of 2 metres where possible (in the case of a very young child or a child with complex needs this may not be fully achieved).

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they will use the disabled toilet next to the medical room. The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

In an emergency, we will call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

If a member of staff has helped someone with symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive (see 'What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a setting?' below). Staff members will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. The affected areas (D and T room and disabled toilet) will be cleaned with disinfectant after the person with symptoms has left the area. This will help to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at Avanti House Primary School?

If a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. This will be done by visiting [NHS.UK](#) to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if internet accessibility is limited. Fellow household members will also be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending Avanti House Primary School will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will be encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their group or 'bubble' will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of the group (including the staff member and children) do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting (Avanti House Primary School), Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and the school will be advised on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases, a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at



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home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group however closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

Will children and young people be eligible for testing?

All children and young people eligible to attend Avanti House Primary School and members of their households, will have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). This will enable them to get back into childcare or education, and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative. Parents will have a number of routes to access testing for them and their children. Visit the [guidance on coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing and how to arrange to have a test. \(https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/)

Will teachers and other staff be able to get tested if they have symptoms?

Access to priority testing is already available to all essential workers. This includes anyone involved in education, childcare or social work – including both public and voluntary sector workers, as well as foster carers. See the [full list of essential workers](#). Avanti House Primary School will book tests through an online digital portal. There is also an option for employees to book tests directly on the portal.