

## Coronavirus Testing Procedures for Pupils



Dear parents,

Please find below information on what to do if your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus. These guidelines are taken from the information available to schools from Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA). We in school are not medically trained and whilst we can try and advise/seek advice, it would be in your interests to gain medical advice by phoning NHS on 111. If in doubt, please keep your child at home in the first instance. In the case of any positive result, I ask that you inform me immediately so that appropriate measures can take place.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Mrs Hallett

Guidance:

It is essential that any pupil, teacher or staff member who has COVID-19 symptoms, or who shares a household with someone who has symptoms, does not attend the school / setting and follows the self-isolation guidance and access a test at a testing site or at home using the [online booking portal](#).

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature: this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough: this means **coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours** (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste: this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Booking a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test is done through the [online booking portal](#). This will then give you a range of testing options available in your local area. These will usually be:

- **Test centre** - Booking a test at a drive-in test centre is likely to be the fastest way to get a test.
- **Home test kit** – parents/carers can order a home test kit for themselves or up to three members of their household.

New ways to make accessing a test as quick and easy as possible are being added continually by NHS Test, Trace, Protect. Walk in local testing centres are shortly being opened in a number of locations. This network is continuing to expand to make it easier for people without cars to get a test.

Where these, or other testing options, are available in the local area, the portal will provide those options.

If a parent /carer does not have access to a computer or mobile phone/tablet, kits can also be ordered by calling 119. 119 can also be contacted for support at any point throughout the testing journey. 119 are able to provide support in up to 650 languages.

Individuals should self-isolate until they receive a negative result or, in the case of a positive result, for the period advised by the contact tracing team. You should inform school immediately of the results of a pupil's test.

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