

Management of People Who Become Symptomatic Onsite

To be used in conjunction with New School Day Guidance – Section 8

If anyone becomes unwell with

- a new, continuous cough; or
- a high temperature/fever; or
- anosmia (a loss or a change in your normal sense of smell, which can also affect your sense of taste)

they **must be sent home and advised to follow the [PHA](#) guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.**

Settings should **keep a full record of such actions** and request a parent / carer / guardian record their acknowledgement of this action.

A child awaiting collection should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door. **Appropriate adult supervision must be provided.** Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to fully isolate the child, they should be moved to an area which is at least 2m away from other people.

A **risk assessment** should be undertaken by the school to address this. **Schools should fully document this process** to ensure records of who made the decision, who was contacted, who provided supervision and who picked up the child are held.

If the child needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they **should use a separate bathroom if possible.** The bathroom should be **cleaned and disinfected before being used by anyone else.**

PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if direct personal care is needed and a distance of 2m cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

If the child is seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk, call 999. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

If a member of staff (who was wearing the appropriate PPE and adhering to the social distancing guidelines) has helped someone with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or loss of taste/smell, **they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves.**

They should **wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds** after any contact with someone who has developed symptoms. **Cleaning the affected area with available cleaning products, followed by disinfection after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.**

You do not need to tell other pupils and parents that a child has been sent home with COVID-19 symptoms.