

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

What to do if a child or adult becomes sick

If a child is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus: a new and continuous cough, a feveral temperature of 37.6 degrees and/or loss of taste and/or smell, parents CANNOT send their child into school and they must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. We ask that parents are very strict about this to help us keep school as safe as possible.

If anyone develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms (at the moment these are a new and continuous cough, a feveral temperature or loss of taste and/or smell) whilst at school they must be sent home and they are then advised to follow the staying at home guidance on the government website.

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved to the head's office, as an isolation room, where they can be isolated behind a closed door. For children in Reception and Year 1, appropriate adult supervision may be required (from a social distance). Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If a member of staff suffers with asthma or has any underlying health conditions then they should call on another member of staff who may be available and who may be lower risk with regard to COVID-19. When a child does need supervision, it will firstly be asked that a staff member assigned to that child's bubble supervises. If they can't, have been advised not to or don't want to, you should then call on other staff members, first from the same bubble before asking those from another.

If an adult is sitting with a child in the isolation room, then before entering the room, that member of staff must:

- Wear a disposable apron
- Wear a fresh, disposable face mask
- Wear first aid gloves
- Wear a visor

Staff should not enter and re-enter the room once wearing the PPE and should remain 2m from the child where possible.

Once a parent is contacted, they should collect the child from the main doors. The child will be brought out to the parent by the supervising adult.

The member of staff should then take off all PPE equipment, standing on plastic floor lining (a bin bag) and place, in a bin bag, the apron, face mask, gloves and visor, plus the bin bag they've been stood on. This should then be doubled bagged with another bin bag and placed in the external bins.

Staff should then fully change clothes in the female staff toilet and wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds. That toilet will then become out of use until it has been deep cleaned and the male staff toilet will be used by all staff. Staff should then go home immediately, taking their clothes with them (in a sealed bin bag) and shower, only returning to school the following day. If staff have been in the room with the child to supervise, they should stay at home for 4 days whilst they wait for the outcome of the child's test. We will then make a decision on whether staff need to be tested too.

Cleaning staff should wear PPE before deep cleaning the isolation room, nurture room and female toilets.

All staff will have appropriate training on how to safely wear, remove and dispose of PPE.

Children will be taught robust hand and respiratory hygiene and it is absolutely vital that staff and children maintain this throughout the course of the day.

If a child needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use the cubicle designated for isolated children (in the girls' bathroom) and those toilets will be out of use completely - to any other users - until they have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. All children should then use the boys' toilets (or for children in Reception, Class 1 toilets) and the designated 'bubble' cubicles. Boys and girls can use them at separate intervals.

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

If a child becomes ill at home and begins to show symptoms they should self-isolate at home for 14 days. Children are now eligible for the COVID-19 test and if a child who is self-isolating then tests negative, they are welcome to return to school. If a child tests positive, parents should let school know as soon as possible and the other children and staff in their bubble must isolate for 14 days.

In the same way, if an adult is displaying any COVID-19 symptoms (as listed above), they **MUST NOT** come into school and stay at home. School staff are

also now eligible to be tested for the virus and they should stay at home until the results of the test come back. If the test is negative, staff are free to return to work. If the test is positive, staff and children in that bubble must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.

In the event of staff becoming ill or whilst staff are awaiting a test result, there could be a staff shortage. If this happens, all children in that staff member's bubble will be asked to stay at home for the period of time that the staff member is absent for.

All of the above must be strictly adhered to by everybody in the school community to ensure safety isn't compromised in any way whatsoever.