**Advice for Education and Childcare Settings in Cumbria:**

**What to do if a child, staff member of parent develops symptoms or tests positive for coronavirus (interim advice: 18- 29 May 2020)**

The following advice is correct as of 18th May 2020 and is informed by the government guidance ‘Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings’. See [here](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)

**Education and childcare settings should encourage staff, parents and carers to notify them if they, their children, or any other household member develop symptoms of coronavirus, or test positive for coronavirus. If you have not already proactively contacted staff and parents/carers regarding this, it is recommended you do so and provide details of who to contact.**

1. **What should I do if a child or young person at my setting becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus?**

If a child or young person becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (a fever OR a new continuous cough OR loss of/change in smell or taste):

* If the child/young person is in the setting, arrange for the child/young person to be collected as soon as possible. Follow the guidance: ‘What happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting?’ which can be found [here](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). This includes advice on cleaning the setting.
* Advise the parent or carer that the child needs to stay at home for 7 days (and any other household member needs to stay at home for 14 days) and that they should follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance). If the child is aged 5 or over, encourage the parent or carer to get the child tested. The test can be booked via the link [here](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/)
* Where the child or young person tests negative, they can return to their setting as long as they feel well enough to do so. Fellow household members can end their self-isolation. If they are not tested, they should remain in isolation for the 7 days (and household members for 14 days).
* Where the child or young person tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting (including staff) should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Other household members of this wider class or group do not need to self-isolate (because they are not a direct contact of a person with symptoms).
* If anyone in the wider group does develop symptoms whilst isolating, the school should be informed. The school should advise them to start a seven day isolation period (excluding any days already spent in isolation). If they are aged 5 or over, they should also be encouraged to get tested via the link [here](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/).
* It is recommended you contact parents, carers and staff to keep them regularly updated if there are suspected or confirmed cases at your setting.
* If you have any queries or concerns and would appreciate further advice, please email the Cumbria County Council public health team via [Ask.Colin@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:Ask.Colin@cumbria.gov.uk)
* You can also contact Public Health England 24 hours a day if you have an urgent query:

During weekday working hours (9-5): 0344 225 0562 (when asked if you know the person you want to speak to, dial the number ‘0’ and then choose the ‘Cumbria and Lancashire team’ option by dialling ‘2’)

PHE number during evenings and weekends: 0151 434 4819

*Work is currently underway to develop local and national contact tracing services. A multi-agency outbreak control team will also be established locally to support any schools where there are suspected/confirmed cases of coronavirus. This advice will be updated with more details when they become available.*

1. **What should I do if a staff member at my setting becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus?**

If a staff member becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (a fever OR a new continuous cough OR loss of/change in smell or taste):

* If the staff member is in the setting, they should go home immediately. Follow the guidance: ‘What happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting?’ which can be found [here](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). This includes advice on cleaning the setting.
* All staff who develop symptoms should be advised that they need to stay at home for 7 days (and any other household member needs to stay at home for 14 days) and that they should follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance). The staff member should be encouraged to get tested via the link [here](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/).
* Where a staff member tests negative, they can return to work if they feel well enough to do so. Fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
* Where the staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting (including staff) should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of this wider group do not need to self-isolate (because they are not direct contacts of someone who has symptoms).
* If anyone in the wider group does develop symptoms whilst isolating, the school should be informed. The school should advise them to start a seven day isolation period (excluding any days already spent in isolation). If they are aged 5 or over, they should also be encouraged to get tested via the link [here](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/).
* It is recommended you contact parents, carers and staff to keep them regularly updated if there are suspected or confirmed cases amongst staff at your setting.
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1. **What should I do if a household member of any children, young people or staff at my setting becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus?**

* If a household member of a child, young person or staff member at your setting becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, the staff member, parent or carer should inform the school.
* Any staff member, child or young person who shares a house with someone who is symptomatic should be advised to self-isolate at home for 14 days and not attend the setting.
* Other staff, children and young people in the same class or group do not need to do anything (as they are not direct contacts of the person who has symptoms).
* If the symptomatic household member gets tested and the test comes back negative, the staff member, child or young person can come out of isolation and return to the setting.

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**The full collection of Government guidance relating to COVID-19 and educational settings can be found** [**here**](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings)

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