

School response to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection

What will classes look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Children will be educated in a group or 'bubble' with dedicated staff members.❖ This bubble will remain separated from the other bubbles within school but may share toilets and cloakrooms.
What will happen if my child displays symptoms at home or at school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ If your child displays symptoms at home they must not come into the school and must self-isolate at home for a period of 7 days and arrange to book a test.❖ If your child develops symptoms at school they will be isolated from the other children whilst waiting for collection – please ensure that we have up to date emergency contact details.❖ Staff and other members of the 'bubble' can remain in school at this point.
How do I book a test?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ During school hours school staff can arrange a test through using the Cumbria County Council COVID-19 helpline.❖ Online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website❖ By telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.❖ From September Schools will have home testing kits that can be given to parents.
Why is it important to tell school about my child's test results?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Schools have to inform the local health protection team if a child or staff member has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).❖ It is also important so that members of staff and other children from that bubble can take appropriate action.
What will happen if the test is <u>positive</u>?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ If your child tests positive, they should stay at home and self-isolate for at least 7 days from the start of their symptoms and then only return to school if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill.❖ If your child still has a high temperature, they should stay at home until their temperature returns to normal.❖ Other members of your household should self-isolate for a full 14 days – this is in case they develop symptoms.
What will happen if the test is <u>negative</u>?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ If your child tests negative, they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can come back to school.❖ Please bear in mind that they could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better.

<p>What will the Health Protection Team do?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.
<p>Will my child be sent home if someone in their bubble tests positive?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If a child has tested positive the health protection team will guide school's through the actions they need to take. ❖ This may include sending home other children and staff who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive. ❖ If this is the case your child will need to stay at home for 14 days but other members of the household do not need to self-isolate unless your child develops symptoms. ❖ If your child develops symptoms you will need to book a test (see above). ❖ If your child's test is negative they must still stay at home for the rest of the 14 day period. This is because they had been in close contact with the first who was sent home with a positive result and your child may still develop the coronavirus symptoms. ❖ If your child's test is positive then please advise school and keep your child at home for 7 days from the beginning of their symptoms. At this point the rest of your household must begin a 14 day isolation.

This information is taken from the www.gov.uk document Education and childcare during coronavirus, Guidance for full opening – schools, published 2nd July 2020. Please note: The information provided may change in line with current Government guidance.