

SUSPECTED CASE OF COVID-19

This flow chart should be used if a child becomes unwell with **any** of the following symptoms:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell

If in doubt, symptomatic children that do not fit the above clinical criteria should also be tested.

If a child has any of the symptoms listed above, make arrangements to send them home. Advise them to get a test for Covid-19 and isolate for 10 days.

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

Whilst awaiting collection:

- Move the child to a room where they can be isolated. This should be behind a closed door, with an open window for ventilation.
- If this is not possible, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.
- Depending on the age of the child, they should be appropriately supervised by a staff member. The staff member should wear PPE if they cannot maintain a distance of 2 metres.
- If the child needs to go to the bathroom, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

The incident should be reported to the Schools Team at Rochdale Borough Council. Specific case related should also be sent to the schools team to be raised with the infection control duty desk.

Send out 'Advice for Parents/Carers following illness in school' letters

After any contact with the unwell child, staff should thoroughly wash their hands for 20 seconds. Staff who have had contact with the unwell child do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves or the child subsequently tests positive (see flow chart for confirmed case)

Any areas visited by a symptomatic child should be cleaned with normal household disinfectant. Please find more information about cleaning in the national guidance: [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home - GOV.UK](#)

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Once at home, the child and household should follow [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK](#). The entire household should isolate and the child should have a test for COVID-19. Household contacts are also eligible for a test. Anyone else who is concerned and wishes to have a test may also be eligible for one. To arrange test at local walk-in testing, please contact: **0808 1964 100**

- Rochdale Town Hall, Packer Street.
- Market Place Car Park next to Middleton Arena, Old Hall Street
- Heywood Civic Centre

Await the child's test results

If a **test result is not expected** (for example, the child is unable to have a test)

If the child's test is **positive**- refer to the flow chart for confirmed cases

If the child's test is **negative**- they can return to their school once they symptom free for 48 hours, and the household can end their self-isolation.

Re-visit the list of symptoms

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They should be managed as a confirmed case and should isolate- refer to the flow chart for confirmed cases

If they have symptoms that do not precisely fit the criteria to the left, no isolation is necessary.