

The flow chart below shows details of what will happen if there is a **suspected** case of coronavirus concerning a student or member of staff and what will happen if there is a **confirmed** case of COVID-19.



When should you keep your child at home?

If your son or daughter has one or more of the following symptoms, please keep them at home, let us know through the usual absence line (01579 325730) and get them tested as soon as possible.

- **A high temperature (defined as 37.8°C or above)**
- **A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours**
- **A loss or change to sense of smell or taste**

If you are struggling to get a test please continue to try via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. As soon as you have the result (positive or negative), please tell us immediately.

Please can you encourage your son/daughter not to inform others that they or a member of their household are being tested so to not create unnecessary alarm. As soon as there is a confirmed case, we will inform parents immediately. Names of anyone testing positive will be kept confidential.

A Cold or Coronavirus?

How can you tell if you have a cold, the flu or COVID-19?

A sore throat and runny nose are typically the first signs of a cold. These are much less common with COVID-19. Additionally, a fever (high temperature) isn't as common in a cold.

There is a lot of overlap in symptoms between the flu and COVID-19. However, common symptoms of the flu are observed less often in cases of COVID-19 (chills, headaches, runny nose, sore throat, aches and pains, diarrhoea). Symptoms of the flu often come on suddenly, whereas COVID-19 symptoms appear to develop more gradually.



Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms

Symptoms	Coronavirus Symptoms range from mild to severe	Cold Gradual onset of symptoms	Flu Rapid onset of symptoms
 Fever (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes (for children)
 Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No