

Frequently asked Questions.

What about children who have symptoms of a common cold?

As long as children do not have any of the three symptoms of COVID-19 (temperature above 38, cough or loss/change in smell/taste), providing the child is well, they can attend school.

Runny noses and sneezing are not symptoms of COVID-19. Children displaying these symptoms alone would not be expected to be sent home from school and do not need to access tests.

Send your child in with tissues and remind them of good hygiene!

What about siblings across different schools where one child is impacted by COVID-19 procedures but is not unwell themselves?

Siblings who attend different schools can usually still attend their own schools. Whilst a child at one school may be asked to stay at home, this does not automatically apply to their siblings or other members of their household, unless:

1. a family/household have a confirmed case – they should all self-isolate
2. a family/household has a suspected case – they should all self-isolate pending results of a test
3. a family/household have all been advised to self-isolate by public health as a result of contact tracing

