

Belleville Wix Academy



Suspected or Confirmed case of COVID 19

A BWA Family Guide

The purpose of this guide is to help families at BWA navigate their way through a suspected or confirmed case of COVID 19 at the school.

Information about this virus continues to be updated frequently so we hope the web links will enable families to have the most up to date information they need at the time.

Summary of what happens if someone becomes unwell at BWA

- If anyone at BWA becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must go home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).
- Parents will be informed if the hub needs to go home as the children cannot be cared for safely at school.
- If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to the isolation room. If it is not possible to isolate the child, they should be moved to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.
- If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible – staff toilet on the ground floor. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
- PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child/adult while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).
- In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured, or their life is at risk.
- If a member of staff has helped someone with symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive (see ‘What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?’ below). They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell.
- The affected area will be cleaned with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left. This will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people. See the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#)

Self-isolation Guidance

- When a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days.
- Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.
- All staff and students who are attending school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Organising a test

This link should help you locate information about organising a test.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

What the results mean

Once you get your test results, this link should help you locate information about what they mean.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/>

What happens if someone in the hub receives a negative test result?

- Where the child or staff member tests **negative**, they can return to their hub and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- The school we need to see the test result before the child or member of staff can return to BWA.

What happens if there is a **confirmed case** of coronavirus in a setting?

- Where the child or staff member tests **positive**, the rest of their hub should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- The other household members of that wider hub do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
- As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise BWA on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. We have been informed that settings which are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

We hope this guide helps you locate information easily at what might be a challenging time for your family. If there is anything missing from this guide that you feel might be helpful to include, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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