

Coronavirus Risk Assessment

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Summary

With effect from 1st April 2022 all mandatory restrictions in England relating to covid-19 were removed.

Schools are no longer required to consider covid-19 within risk assessments and it is not recommended that children are tested in school or at home as a result of directions from school.

Additionally, as new variants of covid emerge the list of symptoms has grown significantly to include:

* continuous cough
* high temperature, fever or chills
* loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
* shortness of breath
* unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
* muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
* not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
* headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
* sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
* diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

If a person has any of the above symptoms with a high temperature they should be encouraged to remain at home until they feel better and the temperature has reduced to normal. There is no legal requirement for any person to do this and no pressure will be brought to bear on anybody refusing to stay at home during this period.

If a person has mild symptoms without a high temperature then they should attend school as normal.

If a person tests positive for covid then they should be encouraged to remain at home for 5 days after they took the test and to avoid contact with high risk groups for 10 days following the test. There is no legal requirement for any person to do this and no pressure will be brought to bear on anybody refusing to stay at home during this period.

In school, rooms will be well-ventilated and an established regime of cleaning and sanitisation will be maintained.