

What happens if my child is unwell



Do **not** send your child to school if any of the following is true.

Your child has:

- a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- any other [common symptoms of coronavirus](#) - a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath
- been in [close contact](#) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus
- been living with someone who is unwell and may have coronavirus

It's usually okay to send your child to school if they:

- only have nasal symptoms, such as a runny nose or a sneeze
- do not have a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more (as long as their temperature has not been lowered by taking any form of paracetamol or ibuprofen)
- do not have a cough
- have not been in [close contact](#) with anyone who has coronavirus
- do not live with anyone who is unwell and may have coronavirus
- have been told by a GP that their illness is caused by something else, that is not coronavirus. Your GP will tell you when they can return to school or childcare.
- have got a [negative \('not detected'\) coronavirus test result](#) and have not had symptoms for 48 hours

Runny nose or sneezing

You do not need to restrict your child's movements if the only symptoms they have are:

- a runny nose
- sneezing

They can continue to go to school if these are the **only** symptoms they have.



If your child also has a high temperature (38 degrees Celsius or over) or has any other [common symptoms of coronavirus](#) - [isolate your child, phone your GP and restrict your movements](#).

Please check the HSE website for all details.

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html>

What happens if my child becomes unwell at school

If your child becomes unwell at school or shows any symptoms of coronavirus you will be called. The child will be taken from class and brought to an isolation room where they will wait until you collect them. They will be fully supervised by a member of staff and the room is pleasant and airy. We will do our utmost to keep them calm and reduce anxiety. However as you can understand it is imperative to isolate the child from all other children and staff as quickly as possible.

