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## Coronavirus

### A Guide For Parents and Carers

**DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.**



Use the website [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) to book a test online or phone 119 if you cannot book a test online

**Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.**

### YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS:

#### A **HIGH** TEMPERATURE

This means that they feel hot to touch on their chest or back or their temperature is above 38°C.

#### 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 THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means that they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal.

**If your child does not have these symptoms but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose or sneezing, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate.**

**YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF THEY ARE FIT TO DO SO.**

## HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

### YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

#### What to do –

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolate while awaiting result
- Inform school immediately when results received.

#### When can my child return?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough and have not had a temperature for 48 hours or have not been advised to self-isolate.

### YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

#### What to do –

- DO NOT SEND YOU CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately of test result
- Child self-isolates for at least 10 days, following advice from NHS.
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from the day the symptoms started or the day of the test if no symptoms.

#### When can my child return?

Your child can return to school after 10 days as long as they have been without a high temperature for 48 hours. They can return if they still have a cough, loss of smell/taste, these symptoms can last for several weeks.

### SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

#### What to do –

- DO NOT SEND YOU CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates while awaiting result
- Inform school immediately when results received.

#### When can my child return?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic person's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to isolate by PHE or the Test and Trace service.

### SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

#### What to do –

- DO NOT SEND YOU CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Whole household isolates for 14 days from the start of the symptoms or the day of the test if no symptoms.

#### When can my child return?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days self-isolation without any symptoms.

**Please refrain from posting on Social Media before speaking to school.**

## WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

### CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

#### What to do –

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the NHS Test and Trace or PHE

#### When can my child return?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days self-isolation without any symptoms.

### YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

#### What to do –

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

### YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

#### What to do –

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice.

#### When can my child return?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days self-isolation without any symptoms.

## WHAT WILL SCHOOL BE DOING?

### ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

- If there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school we will contact Public Health England and follow the advice given.
- In the majority of cases the school will remain open but we will continue to seek advice and follow guidance.

### HOME LEARNING

The expectation is that all children are in school, therefore we will only be providing home learning in the following circumstances:

- If your family is shielding and Miss Read has a letter from a medical professional to support this.
- If you are isolating for 2 weeks with a suspected COVID-19 case and are well enough to do some learning.
- If the bubble that your child is in has been temporarily closed.

## SHOULD MY CHILD BE AT SCHOOL?

Would you have kept your child off school before COVID-19?

Yes

Keep your child off school.

No

Do they have:

- \* A new, continuous cough?
- \* A high temperature (over 38°)?
- \* A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

Yes

Keep your child off school and at home.

Speak to 111 or visit the [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) website and arrange for a test.

Your child and your household **MUST** self-isolate until you have the result of the test.

No

Does your child have an underlying medical condition such as cystic fibrosis?

Yes

Speak to their specialist medical team about testing criteria if you haven't already had a letter or conversation about when to worry.

Without a letter from your medical professional all absences will be unauthorised.

No

Children who are otherwise healthy with:

- \* Runny noses,
- \* Sore throats (without a temperature,
- \* Mild colds

Can go to school as normal.