



WHAT DO I DO IF....

COVID-19 quick reference guide to attendance at school for parents

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<p>My child has COVID symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Inform school via email or telephone.</p> <p>Arrange a test.</p> <p>Self-isolate the household for 14 days, or until a negative test result.</p> <p>Inform school of the test result as soon as you receive it.</p>	<p>The test result is negative.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms which are not COVID related...</p> <p>If your child does not have symptoms of COVID, but has other cold-like symptoms e.g. a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they and the rest of your household do not need to self-isolate.</p>	<p>Your child can attend school if fit to do so.</p> <p>Follow the usual school procedures – ring absence into school office</p>	<p>The child is well, or 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if that is the cause.</p>
<p>My child has received a positive test result...</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Contact school to inform us by telephone.</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible return date for the child – this will be at least 10 days from onset of symptoms.</p> <p>Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days and arrange tests if not done already.</p> <p>School will liaise with PHE about bubble closure/test and trace to inform parents.</p>	<p>They feel better...</p> <p>This will be after at least 10 days.</p> <p>They can still return to school if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell because these symptoms can last for many weeks after they are no longer contagious.</p>
<p>My child tests negative...</p>	<p>CONTACT THE SCHOOL</p> <p>Arrange when the child can come back to school. This can be the same day/next day if otherwise well.</p>	<p>They test negative.</p>

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<p>Someone in the household has COVID symptoms as outlined above</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Inform school via email or telephone.</p> <p>Arrange a test for the person with symptoms.</p> <p>Self-isolate the household for 14 days, or until a negative test result.</p> <p>Inform school of the test result as soon as you receive it.</p>	<p>The test result is negative.</p>
<p>Someone in the household (not the child) tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Contact school to inform us by telephone.</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible return date for the child – 14 days of self-isolation is needed.</p>	<p>After the 14 days of self-isolation is completed (unless child develops symptoms in that period).</p>
<p>NHS test and trace identifies my child as being a close contact of a CONFIRMED case of COVID-19</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Contact school to inform us by telephone.</p> <p>Follow guidance from test and trace.</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible return date for the child – 14 days of self-isolation is needed.</p>	<p>After the 14 days of self-isolation is completed (unless child develops symptoms in that period).</p>
<p>My child/our household has travelled and returned to the UK, and now has to quarantine as a result</p>	<p>Do not take unauthorised holiday leave in term time.</p> <p>Check government travel corridors and be aware that these change quickly and frequently.</p> <p>Self-isolate for 14 days</p> <p>Agree a return date with school.</p>	<p>After the 14 days of self-isolation is completed (unless child develops symptoms in that period).</p>
<p>We have received medical advice that my child needs to shield</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Contact school to inform us by telephone.</p> <p>Shield until you are told that this is no longer needed (provide proof if appropriate).</p>	<p>When shielding restrictions have been lifted for your child.</p>
<p>My child's bubble is closed due to a confirmed outbreak in school</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF CHILD IS IN THE CONFIRMED BUBBLE CLOSURE</p> <p>School will confirm return date for the bubble.</p> <p>Support your child with home learning which will be provided by school in line with our home learning policy.</p>	<p>When school tells you the bubble is re-opened.</p>