

# Coronavirus information for parents/carers (18 Sept 2020)

For general advice about COVID-19 and the symptoms visit: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

## CHILD DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

New continuous cough (coughing frequently for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell).

If your child is **at home**, do not send them to their **early years or education setting**. Inform the setting through absence reporting.

If your child develops symptoms **at their early years or education setting**, they will be separated from others and **sent home**.

Book a test for your child as soon as possible. This can be done online at: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on NHS 119 for those without the internet.

Your closest test location should be offered when you book. If you don't drive, do not get a taxi or public transport to the test centre, you can request a home test kit.

You will receive the test result by email or text message.  
**Inform your early years or education setting of your child's result as soon as possible.**

### NEGATIVE

**Child can return to early years or education setting once well, unless ...**

You have been advised to isolate for 14 days because a member of your household had a positive test

OR

You have been advised to quarantine after travel abroad

OR

NHS Test & Trace have told you to isolate because you are a close contact of a confirmed case

If your child is identified as having been **in close contact with a confirmed case**, they may need to self-isolate for 14 days. If they develop symptoms, you should arrange for your child to be tested.

The rest of the household does not need to isolate unless the young person/close contact develops symptoms.

**ONLY GO FOR A TEST IF SYMPTOMATIC**

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

### POSITIVE

Inform setting of positive test result as soon as possible.

Ensure **positive case** completes the **10 day isolation period** (from date of onset of symptoms). **Household members** without symptoms should **isolate for 14 days**, even if they have received a negative test result.

NHS Test and Trace Service will send you a text, email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

If a child is a confirmed case they can return to school after 10 days. However, if they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait for 48 hours after these symptoms stop before returning to school.

**Positive test in a member of your household**  
If a household member tests positive, your child should isolate for 14 days from the date your household member started having symptoms. Your child should not attend school during this period.