Should I send my child to school?

Guidance for parents and carers

Would you have kept your child off school before the COVID pandemic?

YES

Keep your child off school

Does your child have at least one of the following:

- A new continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- A fever (high temperature) measured with a thermometer or feeling hot to the touch
- A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

YES

PROTECT OTHERS: keep your child at home and off school: go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus to arrange a COVID test, or dial 119. If you are worried and feel your child needs to be seen by a doctor, please contact your GP or phone 111. For urgent help go to A&E or dial 999

NO

Are you concerned that your child is very unwell?

YES

Contact your GP, or call NHS 111 for medical advice. For urgent medical help, go to your nearest A&E or call 999

NO

Monitor your child's condition at home, and seek medical advice if the condition worsens

NO

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NO

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

NO

Children can go to school with mild colds, runny noses, and sore throats if they are otherwise well

YES

Speak to your child's specialist team as they may advise a COVID test is needed

COVID tests are not available at A&E or your GP. Your child and household must self-isolate until you have the test results

For further guidance, visit: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/

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