

# Flowchart for parents: What to do if someone has symptoms of COVID-19

## START

Does your child have any of the symptoms of COVID-19? A high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change in taste or smell?

YES

Your child must not attend school, and must stay at home and arrange to get a PCR test

You need to:

- Inform the school
- Arrange for your child to get tested for COVID-19 immediately via the [NHS testing website](#) or by calling 119
- If you are concerned about symptoms or need advice, call 111
- Make sure everyone in your household follows guidance for [households with possible coronavirus infection](#).
- If you can't access a COVID-19 test, your child must complete the 10 day isolation period.

Please do not seek any letter from your GP to return to school as they are unable to exclude Covid-19 without a test and they do not have any other route to obtain a COVID-19 test for your child.

Wait for the test results  
Usually 2-3 days

Does your child test positive or negative for COVID-19?

## POSITIVE

Your child must stay at home until they are well, and it has been at least 10 days since the child's symptoms started.

You need to:

- Inform the school
- Continue to make sure everyone in your household follows guidance for [households with possible coronavirus infection](#).
- Prepare to be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and to provide details of anyone your child has had close contact with.

After 10 days, if your child is well, they can return to school

## NEGATIVE

If your child is well, they can return to school

You should inform the school if your child has tested negative

Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?

YES

Your child can still attend school, but it is advised that they get a PCR test

You need to:

- Inform the school
- Arrange for all household members to get a PCR test via the [NHS testing website](#) or by calling 119
- If you are concerned about symptoms or need advice, call 111
- Make sure everyone in your household follows guidance for [households with possible coronavirus infection](#).