

# Back to school

It is Ealing's priority to ensure all children and young people remain in school.

Being in school is not only important for children and young people's learning, it is also good for their social skills and emotional wellbeing.

Here's what some pupils have had to say about being back in school:

*'I am happy to be back at school to see my friends again. I missed them and adults at my school a lot. I didn't like home schooling as it's better to be able to see and talk to a teacher. I am also happy to be more active again.'*

*'I can't explain why but it just feels good to be back. I am happy at my school. I get to see my friends, my new teacher and learn again.'*

Year 5 Pupils, East Acton Primary School

*'The entire school community are all working hard to keep us safe'*

*'Refreshing to be back in the school environment. Nice to be learning again & seeing my friends.'*

Year 10 Pupils, Ellen Wilkinson High School

Although infection rates are rising in Ealing, London and England, making sure all children benefit from being at school is so important. **Schools have put in place a number of safety measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus and to ensure your child is safe at school.** We may expect cases of COVID-19 in school, however this is not unusual and close contacts will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

Most people who do catch COVID-19 will experience mild symptoms and are unlikely to become severely unwell. The risk to children of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 is very low.

**If your child, or anyone in your household, develops any symptoms of coronavirus:**

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

Then you should not send your child to school. Stay at home and arrange for anyone who has symptoms to get a test by visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or calling 119

At this time of the year many children may get sniffles and colds which do not include the symptoms of coronavirus. In these cases, if your child is well, they can go to school.

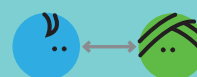
Remember, it is important for us all to follow the rules:



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