

# When to send your child to school

This flow chart may not cover all scenarios. Please refer to detailed guidance at [nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus)

**Does your child/household member have one or more of the following common coronavirus symptoms?**

- a high temperature
- a **new, continuous cough**, this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

**YES**

**Do not** send your child to school. Arrange for them/household member to be tested at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or **call 119**. Notify school.

**Self-isolate** child at home until test result is received. If test is positive, tell school at once.

Unless advised otherwise by a health practitioner, your child should self-isolate for 10 days from the first day they had symptoms. Your child should self-isolate for 14 days if a household member has symptoms.

**Child can return to school if;**

- child/household member test is negative;
- self-isolation period is over;
- if child is well enough.

**NO**

**Does your child have symptoms?** For example, sore throat, earache, stomach ache, runny nose, skin rashes, vomiting and diarrhoea.

**YES**

If your child is too ill to attend school, tell your school. They can return to school when well enough to do so.

Not sure? Search NHS advice: **Is my child too ill to go to school?** If further medical help is needed, contact your local pharmacy or GP.

**Only use NHS 111** phoneline for an **urgent medical problem** or if you are unsure what to do.

Do not get your child tested unless they have one or more coronavirus symptoms.

**NO**

Send your child to school.

## Further guidance and help

Search [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) for guidance on what your test result means and on self-isolation.

Hampshire Helpline if you feel you need support to self-isolate: **0333 370 4000**