

# Should I keep my child off school?

**Does your child have a fever?**

(feeling hot to touch on chest or back, or a temperature of 37.8 degrees or above)

YES

NO

**Does your child have a new continuous cough?**

(a cough lasting more than an hour, if they have three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours or if they are coughing more than usual)

YES

NO

**Has your child experienced a change or loss of sense of smell and/or taste?**

YES

NO

**Keep your child off school and contact the Coronavirus helpline on 119 to arrange a test.**

While awaiting test results all household members should isolate and other children kept off school. Call or email the school(s) to let them know.

If your child tests **positive** you will be advised by the contact tracing team on isolation and testing for the household.

If the child that had symptoms tests **negative** (and they are not isolating as a result of direct contact with a confirmed case) they can stop isolating and go back to school when they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household can end isolation straight away.

If your child doesn't have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they don't need to be tested and they do not need to isolate.

Your child can go to school if they are fit to do so.