# 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

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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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