

# Coronavirus information for parents/carers (September 2020)

For general advice about COVID-19, contact your health visitor/school nurse service on: 01908 725100 (SPA) or [cnw-tr.0-19adminhub.mk@nhs.net](mailto:cnw-tr.0-19adminhub.mk@nhs.net)

CHILD DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19  
(new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell).

If your child is **at home**, do not send them to their early years or education setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting.

If your child develops symptoms **at their early years or education setting**, they will be separated from others and **sent home**.

Book a test for your child as soon as possible. This can be done online at: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on NHS 119 for those without the internet.

Your closest test location will be offered when you book. If you don't drive, do not get a taxi or public transport to the test centre, you can request a home test kit.

You will receive the test result by email or text message.  
**Inform your early years or education setting of your child's result as soon as possible.**

## NEGATIVE

**Child can return to early years or education setting once well, unless ...**

You have been advised to isolate for 14 days because a member of your household had a positive test

OR

You have been advised to quarantine after travel abroad

OR

NHS Test & Trace have told you to isolate because you are a close contact of a confirmed case

If your child is identified as having been **in close contact with a confirmed case**, they may need to self-isolate for 14 days. If they develop symptoms, you should arrange for your child to be tested.

**If they test positive**, they will need to isolate for **10 days** from onset of symptoms.

**If they test negative**, they will need to isolate for **14 days** from their last contact with the confirmed case.

## POSITIVE

Ensure child completes the 10 day isolation period (from date of onset of symptoms). Household members without symptoms should isolate for 14 days.

NHS Test and Trace Service will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

If a child is a confirmed case they can return to their early years or education setting after 10 days. However, if they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait for 48 hours after these symptoms stop before returning to the education setting.

**Positive test in a member of your household**  
If a household member tests positive, your child should isolate for 14 days from the date your household member started having symptoms. Your child should not attend their education setting during this period.

For medical advice call NHS 119, or in an emergency call 999