

# When to send your child to school /early years setting

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 sense of smell or taste**

**YES**

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

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

**Child can return to school/early years setting if:**

1. Child/household member test is negative; or
2. Self-isolation period is over;
3. and the 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, tell your school/early years setting. They can return when well enough to do so.

Not sure? Search NHS advice: **Is my child too ill to go to school?** (suitable for early years) 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/early years setting.

## 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 residents who need support to self-isolate can call the Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline: **0333 370 4000**