Flowchart for parents: what to do if someone has symptoms of COVID-19

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START

Does your child have any of the symptoms of COVID-19? (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change in taste or smell)?

NO →

Does anyone in your household have symptoms of COVID-19? (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change in taste or smell)?

NO →

Has your child been asked to self-isolate by NHS test and trace because they have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

NO →

If your child is well, they can attend school

YES (column 1)

Your child must not attend school, and must stay at home for at least 10 days.

You need to:
- Inform the school
- Arrange for your child to get tested as soon as possible for COVID-19 via the NHS testing website or by calling 119
- If you are concerned about symptoms or need advice, call 111
- Make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.

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Wait for the test results (usually 2-3 days)

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Does your child test positive or negative for COVID-19?

NEGATIVE →

If your child is well, they can return to school
- Household members can end isolation
- You should inform the school if your child has tested negative

POSITIVE

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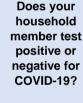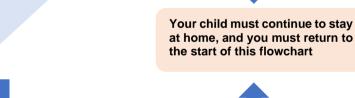**Your child must continue to stay at home until they are well and it has been at least 10 days since the child's symptoms started.**

You need to:
- Inform the school
- Continue to make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.
- Prepare to be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and to provide details of anyone your child has had close contact with.

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After 10 days, if your child is well, they can return to school

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YES (column 2)

Your child must not attend school, and must stay at home for at least 14 days.

You need to:
- Inform the school
- Arrange for the person who has symptoms to get tested as soon as possible for COVID-19 via the NHS testing website or by calling 111 in the first instance or by calling 119
- If you are concerned about symptoms or need advice, call 111
- Make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.

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Wait for the test results (usually 2-3 days)

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Does your household member test positive or negative for COVID-19?

POSITIVE

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Your child must continue to stay at home for at least 14 days from when the household member's symptoms started.

You need to:
- Inform the school
- Continue to make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.
- Prepare to be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and to provide details of anyone your household member has had close contact with.

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Has your child developed any symptoms of COVID-19?

NO →

After 14 days, if your child is well, they can return to school

YES

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Your child must continue to stay at home, and you must return to the start of this flowchart

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YES (column 3)

Your child must not attend school, and must stay at home for at least 14 days.

You need to:
- Inform the school, if they are not already aware
- Make sure your child stays at home and follows guidance for contacts of people with possible or confirmed coronavirus who do not live with the person

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Has your child developed any symptoms of COVID-19?

NO →

After 14 days, if your child is well, they can return to school

YES

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Your child must continue to stay at home, and you must return to the start of this flowchart

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