

# Should I send my child to school?

## A guide for parents and GPs

Would you have kept your child off school before the COVID-19 pandemic?

YES

NO

Keep your child off school

A “continuous cough” is coughing A LOT throughout the day and night, and is different from the cough that usually comes with a runny nose

Does your child have at least one of the following:

- A new continuous cough?
- A fever (high temperature measured with a thermometer)?
- A complete loss or change of taste or smell?

Are you concerned this is more serious than a cold (e.g. sepsis)?

YES

NO

Contact your GP, or call NHS 111 for medical advice. For urgent medical help, go to your nearest A&E or call 999

Monitor your child’s condition at home, and seek medical advice if the condition deteriorates

YES

NO

Protect others: keep your child at home and off school. Dial 119 or go to [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) to arrange a COVID test. These tests not available at A&E or GP. Your child and household must self-isolate until you have the results

Does your child have an underlying medical condition, such as cystic fibrosis?

YES

NO

Speak to your child’s specialist team about testing criteria if you haven’t already spoken to them / received a letter telling you what to do

Children can otherwise go to school with: Runny noses, sore throats (without fever), or mild colds

For further guidance, visit:

<https://www.cc4c.imperial.nhs.uk/~media/cc4c/documents/icht-advice-for-parents-during-coronavirus.pdf?la=en>

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