

Coronavirus guidelines for parents

Intro

We have had great attendance of children in our schools since they re-opened. We want to thank parents for continuing their children to school in the autumn term.

Though largely parents and carers have followed all guidelines in place we feel the need to stress some important messages to keep you child, your family and school community safe and well.

Don't send kids to school with symptoms

Please do not send your child to school if they have the following coronavirus symptoms.

- High temperature
- Continuous cough
- Loss or change in sense of taste
- Loss or change in sense of smell

[More information on symptoms of coronavirus](#)

[Public Health Dorset has produced information](#) about what to do if your child is experiencing symptoms of coronavirus but also what to do if your child falls ill not related to coronavirus. graphic),

Self-isolate if waiting for a test

If you or your child has [symptoms of coronavirus](#), your whole household must self-isolate immediately and [book a COVID-19 test](#).

Your whole household must isolate until you get your test result back. If the test comes back negative then you can carry on your normal activities.

Self-isolation means that. You must not leave your house.

You may need family and friends to help you get essentials such as food or medication during the time you are isolating.

What to do if you or your child are 'close contacts'

If your child has been classed as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, then they will be asked to complete 14 days of self-isolation from last contact with the confirmed case.

This means that they cannot leave home.

If you have other children at school then the child self-isolating cannot come with you on school runs either in the car or walking.

While your child is self-isolating you may need to ask family or friends to pick up your other children.

If you are currently self-isolating as a close contact, then you must arrange for friends or family to do the school run. You must not come to school or leave your home.

If you or your child develops [coronavirus symptoms](#) then you must self-isolate immediately and [book a test](#).