







What is the situation?	What do I do?	When can my child go back to school or nursery?
<p>My child has at least one symptom of COVID-19</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child must not go to school or nursery Your child should have a PCR test as soon as possible The whole household should self-isolate while waiting for the PCR test result and should not go out Let your school know about the result of the test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 full days after the symptoms started if the test result is positive If the test result is negative, your child can return to school or nursery (as long as they are well and they are not a contact of someone with COVID-19).
<p>My child has tested positive for COVID-19 (see tests below)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If they have a positive LFD test they should isolate and get a PCR test. <p>If a PCR test is positive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child must not go to school or nursery Your child should self-isolate for 10 full days from when their symptoms started (or from the day they took the test if they had no symptoms) The whole household should not go out and must self-isolate for 10 full days from the date your child's symptoms started (or from the day they took the test if they had no symptoms) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 full days after the onset of symptoms if the test result is positive (or from the test result if they had no symptoms). In some people, the cough or loss of taste and smell can last for a few weeks. Your child can still go to school during this time, as long as they are otherwise well, had no fever for 48 hours, and have completed 10 days of self-isolation.
<p>My child's school or nursery has identified my child as a close contact of a person with COVID-19</p>  <p>...and we have given consent for them to have LFD testing which is available in their setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>This does not apply to household members or close contacts outside of school/nursery who will still need to self-isolate (see below).</i> Your child can continue to go to school and be tested once a day for 7 days provided the result is negative every day and they have no symptoms. The rest of the household does not need to isolate If your child goes on to have symptoms during this time or they have a positive LFD test they will need to self-isolate and have a PCR test (the household must self-isolate whilst they await the result) If the PCR test is negative: they can return to school and complete their 7 day LFD testing If the PCR test is positive- see box above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. A pupil will only be told if they test positive on a "LFD" test, so if you do not hear you can assume it was negative.
<p>...and we have not given consent or LFD testing is not available in their setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child should not go to school/nursery Your child should self-isolate for 10 full days They do not need to be tested unless they have symptoms. If they have symptoms they should get a PCR test The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate unless your child goes on to develop symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When your child has completed the 10 full days of self-isolation, as recommended by the school or nursery
<p>NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a close contact of a person with COVID-19 outside of school or nursery</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child must not go to school or nursery Your child should self-isolate for 10 full days If your child has symptoms they should get tested They should continue to self-isolate even if they test negative during those 10 days The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate unless they have also been in contact with the case, or your child goes on to develop symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When your child has completed the 10 full days of self-isolation, as recommended by NHS Test and Trace
<p>Someone else in my household has symptoms of COVID-19</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child must not go to school or nursery The household member with symptoms should have a PCR test as soon as possible Your whole household should self-isolate whilst waiting the test result No member of the family should be at school/work whilst awaiting a test result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the household member tests negative, and your child does not have symptoms of COVID-19, your child can return to school or nursery If the household member tests positive, see below
<p>Someone else in my household has tested positive for COVID-19</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child must not go to school or nursery Your whole household should self-isolate for 10 days from the time that the person with the positive test started having symptoms (or from the date of the test if no symptoms), even if anyone else in the household tests negative during those 10 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When your child has completed the 10 days of self-isolation If they develop symptoms during the 10 days, they need a PCR test and must self-isolate for a further 10 days from their symptoms starting if it is positive
<p>Tests for COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests: PCR tests detect the RNA (ribonucleic acid, the genetic material) of a virus and are the most reliable COVID-19 tests. It takes some time to get the results because they are usually processed in a laboratory. •Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests: LFD tests are simple and quick to use and mainly used in people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19. Anyone who has a positive LFD test should have a PCR test to confirm the result within 48 hours. 		