Coronavirus advice - for children with symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are high temperature, new, continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste

1. Your child has symptoms of COVID-19.

- You have been asked to collect your child from school/early years setting because they have symptoms of COVID-19
- If you have other children at school who live in the same household, they are being sent home too.
- If you have children who go to nursery or school elsewhere, please arrange to collect them as soon as possible.
- Should you need medical advice about symptoms, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service or call 999 if you think there's something seriously wrong.

2. Your household needs to self-isolate and arrange a test.

- Your household must self-isolate and anyone who is **showing symptoms** of COVID-19 should arrange a test online at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. Please do this as soon as possible because the test is more reliable if it is done 3-5 days after symptoms develop.
- You should receive the test result within 48 hours of a swab being taken, or within 72 hours for a home.
- While you are waiting for the result, your child (and any siblings) should not return to school.

3. Getting your test results

- Anyone who has a **positive test** result for COVID-19 must continue to self-isolate for 10 days and household members for 14 days.
- The NHS Test and Trace service will contact you by email, text or phone, if your result is positive. Text messages will come from the NHS and calls will come from 0300 0135000.
- You'll be asked where you've been recently and who you've been in close contact with. This will help the NHS to contact anyone who may have caught the virus from you or your child.
- If you need to give the school's contact details to the NHS Test and Trace service, please use Holy Trinity CofE Junior School, Bute Road, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 8BZ Tel: 020 8647 7496. This will ensure that we are able to respond quickly.
- You must let your school know the outcome of the test result as soon as possible.

4. When can my child return to school/early years setting?

Return to school/early years setting will depend upon the outcome of the COVID-19 test result. The test can tell if someone has coronavirus at the time the swab sample was taken. The test to tell if someone has ever had coronavirus ('antibody test') is not available yet.

- **Positive** - if your child is well after self-isolating for 10 days, they can return to school. All other household members, including siblings, must self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Negative** - if your child is well and has a negative test result and all household members who were tested also had a negative test result, your child and their siblings can return to school/early years setting. You must all continue to self-isolate if:
    - someone in your home tests positive, or has symptoms of COVID-19 and has not been tested; or
    - you have been told to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

- **An unclear, void, borderline or inconclusive result** - this means it's not possible to say for certain if your child had coronavirus when the test was done. If this happens, you may be advised to ask for another coronavirus test. If your child has symptoms, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptoms started. Anyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must self-isolate for 14 days.

Ask for a Coronavirus test:

Find out more about Test and Trace:

Find out what your test results mean and what you should do