

Should I send my unwell child to school?

A guide for parents and GPs

A fever is above or equal to 37.8°C (100°F) when measured, or when the chest / back feels hotter to touch than usual

Does your child have at least one of the following?

- A new continuous cough
- A fever
- A complete loss or change in sense of taste or smell

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

YES

NO

Are you concerned this is more serious than a cold and your child is very unwell?

Does your child have an underlying medical condition that is managed by a hospital specialist?

YES

NO

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

Protect others: keep your child at home and off school.

Dial 119 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus to arrange COVID test. These tests are not available at A&E or GP. Your child & household must self-isolate until you have the results

Speak to your child's specialist team with your questions if you haven't already spoken to them or received a letter telling you what to do

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

Monitor your child and seek medical advice if their condition deteriorates

Click [here](#) for further guidance on helping your unwell child

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