

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

ABOUT COVID-19

Everyone has a role to play in keeping Whitecross safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 **PLEASE ENSURE FACE MASKS ARE WORN AT ALL TIMES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**



DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS visit WWW.GOV.GET-CORONAVIRUS-TEST TO BOOK A TEST ON-LINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

37.8 and above

This means they feel hot to the touch on their chest or back (you do not necessarily need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual.

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND NURSERY IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self isolates
- Inform school immediately

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- Inform school immediately
- Self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days as advised by the PHA

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return after 10 days even if they still have a cough, loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- Inform school immediately

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation and remained symptom free.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation and remained symptom free.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL AS NORMAL

- If your child has no COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice current at the time of your return to the UK

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.

If your child has been identified as a close contact case of COVID-19, or has returned from abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.