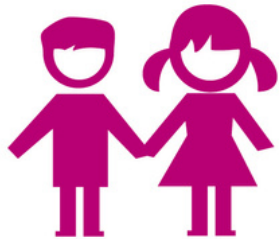




Are you worried that your child is seriously ill?

Use this flowchart to help with deciding whether to keep your child off school during the pandemic



Would you have kept your child off school before COVID-19?

YES

Keep your child off school as you normally would do. Do they have any of these symptoms?

Keep your child off school and at home. Call 119 or go to the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website and arrange for a self-test for COVID-19 to be done. (Please note your GP cannot arrange a test)

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test. If there are no tests currently available in your area you still need to keep your child off and follow this guidance until you can get a test or they are better.

YES

YES

A 'continuous cough' is defined currently as coughing for at least three hours a day. This is difficult to determine in a child. Any child who is coughing a lot throughout the day and night has a continuous cough.

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already seen or spoken to them or had a letter in the post telling you what to do.

NO

Do they have:

- 1) A new continuous cough?
- 2) A fever (high temperature greater than 37.8 degrees measured by a thermometer)?
- 3) A complete loss or change of smell and/or taste?

NO

NO

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition?

Children who are otherwise well and don't have a temperature but do have:

A runny nose OR sore throat OR mild cold without a fever
can go to school as normal