



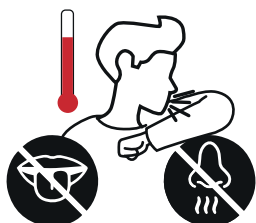


# COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence

A quick guide for parents / carers

# Bolton Council

What to do if...	Action needed	Education and Childcare
 <p><b>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child shouldn't attend education and childcare settings</li><li>• Child should get a test</li><li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li><li>• Inform education and childcare settings immediately about test results</li></ul>	<p><b>...when child's test comes back negative</b> provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to education and childcare settings, and feel well</p>
 <p><b>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child shouldn't attend education and childcare settings</li><li>• Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li><li>• Inform education and childcare settings immediately about test results</li><li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li></ul>	<p><b>...after 10 days, once child feels better, and has been fever-free for at least 48 hours</b></p> <p>They can return to education and childcare settings after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone</p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child shouldn't attend education and childcare settings</li><li>• Household member with symptoms should get a test</li><li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li><li>• Inform education and childcare settings immediately about test results</li></ul>	<p><b>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</b></p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child shouldn't attend education and childcare settings</li><li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li></ul>	<p><b>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</b></p>



\* **Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.**

See more at:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms)

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 <p><b>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID 19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend education and childcare settings</li> <li>• Child self isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>• Rest of household does not need to self isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when the child has completed 14 days of self isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we/my child has travelled and has to self isolate as part of a period of quarantine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>• Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>• Provide information to education and childcare settings as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend education and childcare settings</li> <li>• Whole household self isolates for 14 days even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we have received advice from a medical/official source that my child must resume shielding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend education and childcare settings</li> <li>• Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team</li> <li>• Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when education and childcare settings/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</b></p>
 <p><b>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID 19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>• People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</b></p>

**For coronavirus support visit our webpage**  
[www.bolton.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-1](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-1)

**For details on what you can and can not do at the moment in Bolton, please visit** [www.bolton.gov.uk/localrestrictions](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/localrestrictions)