



Guidance on Returning to School

You should closely consider whether your child has any pre-existing conditions (e.g. asthma) that may make them vulnerable. You may wish to seek additional medical advice prior to sending your children in.

If you believe your child may fall into the 'clinically vulnerable' or 'clinically extremely vulnerable' (i.e. shielding) groups, you must seek medical advice prior to coming to school. If you have received any medical information with regards to social distancing, you must share this with school immediately.

You should not send your children to school if any member of your household is shielding because of the challenges involved in your child 'stringently' following social distancing.

You must inform us if any members of your family are shielding and we will decide on the best course of action on a case-by-case basis – however, in most cases, as per government guidelines, we will not be able to accept children from shielding households.

COVID Protocols for Home and School

Our school needs to inform you that:

- If a child displays any COVID-19 symptoms in school, we will place them in a safe space under adult supervision but away from other children. Staff who are around your child at this point will wear personal protective equipment (PPE). We will phone you and they will need immediate picking up. Any siblings in school will need to be taken home also.
- We will contact you to pick up your child immediately. **You must ensure that we have the most relevant contact numbers for you in case of an emergency.**
- If your child displays symptoms, we request that they be tested and the child will not be able to return to school until we have seen a copy of the test results. The child's family should self-isolate for 14 days. Failure to test your child within a reasonable time will result in your family not being able to return to the school site for 14 days from being sent home.
- Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

- In the event of any child in the 'bubble' testing positive, the entire bubble within school (including teaching staff) will be told to self-isolate for **14 days**. If your child becomes symptomatic, you should arrange for testing of your child.
- The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
- We will reopen school for the bubble fourteen days later for children who have not tested positive and who are asymptomatic. If another child is symptomatic but their family does not choose to get them tested, we will need to ask families to self-isolate regardless for fourteen days.

- You must inform us if you or anyone else in direct contact with your child, particularly their household, are contacted by NHS Track and Trace.
- You must inform us about any COVID-19-type symptoms, no matter how minor.

If in doubt at any time, you must keep your child(ren) off school and contact us at your earliest convenience.