

COVID-19: School Attendance Information

Should I send my child to school?

The advice to parents continues to be yes.

The safety, welfare and wellbeing of children is our primary concern and a constant dialogue has, and will continue, to take place with partners to ensure they receive the most accurate and up to date advice.

Where can I find general guidance for educational establishments about COVID-19?

Schools and parents should refer to the latest information and advice from the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England to get the most up to date guidance as things develop: <https://www.gov.uk/.../wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-fo...>

The Government has published guidance for schools and other educational settings in providing advice for pupils, students, staff and parents about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. The following link will take you to that advice: <https://www.gov.uk/.../guidance-to-educational-settings-about...>

This guidance will assist schools and other educational settings in providing advice for pupils, students, staff and parents or carers regarding:

- the novel coronavirus, COVID-19;
- how to help prevent spread of all respiratory infections including COVID-19;
- what to do if someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 has been in a school or other educational setting;
- what advice to give individuals who have travelled from specified countries or areas within the last 14 days, including school trips

What if families have chosen to self-isolate as a protective measure?

The local advice is that in the spirit of the Department for Education attendance code guidance, Head Teacher's should be satisfied that the child is unable to attend school i.e. that there is a genuine necessity for a family to self-isolate.

It is understood that some families may choose to self-isolate as a protective factor.

Where parents have chosen to 'self-isolate' their child, it follows that the child should not be seen in other public places.