

Here's what parents should do if their child is sent home from school due to coronavirus

If your child has **tested positive** for the virus, this means keeping them off school and having them self-isolate for 10 days, along with everyone else in the household for 14 days.

If your child has been sent home because another pupil has tested positive

Should they self-isolate?

If your child is sent home from school because of a confirmed coronavirus case, either in their bubble or in the school generally, current advice stipulates that they must self-isolate for 14 days, meaning **they should not leave home, meet up with friends or have guests over to the house.**

Should they get a test?

Your child does not need to take a Covid-19 test unless they are showing symptoms. Families whose children get sent home from school due to a case being detected in their bubble, should only get tested if they are displaying symptoms.

Can they go back to school if they test negative?

According to the [Track and Trace guidance](#), children who test negative **shouldn't go back to school before the end of their 14 day isolation.** According to the guidance, this is because they may have the virus, but it cannot yet be detected by a test, so they could unknowingly spread the virus if they leave the house.

Should parents and siblings isolate as well?

Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate if your child has been sent home from school. Siblings or children from the same household who go to the same school still need to go to school, despite someone in their household having been sent home to self-isolate.