

# Returning to school

We're working with schools and child care providers across the borough to welcome pupils and children back after the summer holidays or following closures due to coronavirus.

We know that you'll have lots of questions about the new term, so we've prepared some advice which will help to answer them.

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## Making schools safe

All schools will have thorough risk assessments, covering staffing levels and building layouts in line with the government's guidance for the full opening of schools.

## Pupil hygiene and hand washing

Children should wash their hands as soon as they arrive at school and more frequently throughout the day, such as after break times and before and after eating.

## School uniform

Schools are responsible for deciding their uniform or dress code. Clothes worn at school do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual.

## School attendance

From September, the usual rules on attendance will apply and all children will be expected to return to school full-time.

Schools will provide home learning for children who are shielding or self-isolating.

## More information

To find out more information about returning to school in September, visit

[barnsley.gov.uk/  
returning-to-school](https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/returning-to-school)

## Five top tips



### Create a routine

Returning to a daily routine with regular times for meals, getting up and going to bed will be helpful - it provides a structure ahead of school starting.



### Talk about it

Set aside time during the day to discuss feelings and worries. Let your child know it is okay to feel this way and that there are no 'bad' or 'good' feelings.



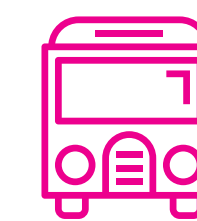
### Provide reassurance

Reassure children about safety measures in place and remind children that they can also help prevent germs spreading by washing their hands regularly.



### Think of the positives

Children will be able to see their friends and teachers who will be happy to see them too. Be positive about the opportunity for your child to learn new things.



### Getting to and from school

Whether it's public transport or a school bus, remind children to social distance and wash hands regularly. Or why not try walking, cycling or scooting to school?

# Coronavirus in school

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## Do not send your child to school if:

- they do not feel well
- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or have tested positive
- you, someone in your household or support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive

You should book a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test and self-isolate in line with the guidance at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

### Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

If your child becomes unwell at school or in childcare, you will be asked to collect them immediately if they develop:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste

You will be kept informed of any confirmed cases within the setting by your child's school. The identity of anyone with a confirmed case of coronavirus will be kept confidential.

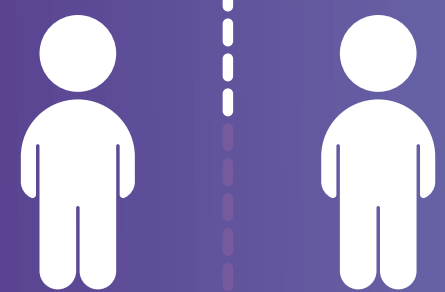
### Self-isolate immediately for at least 10 days if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus.

### Self-isolate immediately for at least 14 days if:

- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you've been told by NHS Test and Trace that you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus

## Control the spread of the virus



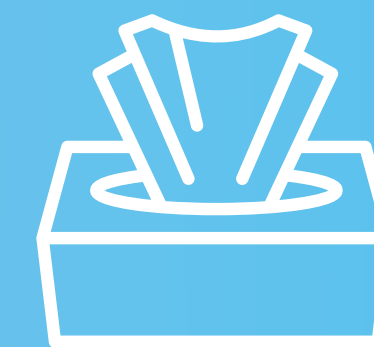
Keep your distance



Wash hands regularly



Wear a face covering



Cover coughs and sneezes



Stay at home if you become ill