



# NIFC COMMUNITY AWARENESS UPDATE



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*(The Community Awareness Update provides general information to enable personnel to keep up-to-date with routine correspondence; it is not provided for mission-related items and does not replace the Emergency Messaging System.)*

<b>SCHOOLS REOPENING: HOW AT RISK ARE CHILDREN?</b>	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/explainers-52777244">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/explainers-52777244</a>
<b>Child tests 'positive':</b>	If a child has tested <u>positive</u> for the virus, this means keeping them off school and having them self-isolate for 14 days, along with everyone else in the household. In this situation, you would also need to alert the school, if you have not already.
<b>Child sent home because another pupil has been identified with Covid-like symptoms:</b>	<p><b>What if your child has been sent home because another pupil has tested positive?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Should they self-isolate?</b> If a 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. <i>(The 14-day period will be calculated from the last known 'contact' with the infected individual.)</i></li> <li>• <b>Should they get a test?</b> According to the Education Secretary, the 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.</li> <li>• <b>Can they go back to school if they test negative?</b> According to the <a href="#">Track and Trace guidance</a>, children who test negative should not go back to school before the end of their 14-day isolation. According to the guidance, "this is because you may have the virus, but it cannot yet be detected by a test, so you could unknowingly spread the virus if you leave the house."</li> <li>• <b>Should parents isolate as well?</b> According to the government's Track and Trace guidance, other members of the household do not need to self-isolate if a child has been sent home from school. It states: "If you live with other people, they do not need to self-isolate, but they should avoid contact with you as far as possible and follow advice on hygiene." Though, as many have pointed out, in the case of young children, it will likely be difficult for family members to avoid contact. This rule also means, in practice, that siblings or children from the same household who go to the same school might still need to go to school, despite someone in their household having been sent home to self-isolate.</li> </ul>

**Is it an emergency? Call 999**

If it is not life threatening: Call 101 for the Civil Police; Call 111 for the NHS.

If you want to report a concern anonymously, you can report it via the Crimestoppers website or via their hotline on: 0800 555 111.

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