


Start of the school term – getting ready for September

Briefing for PARENTS in Hammersmith and Fulham

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Prevention of Covid in schools

- Don't send your children to school if they are unwell or if there's a case of Covid in the house
- Do you know how to get tested? 
- schools have worked hard to prepare classrooms and
- arrange for 'bubbles' of teacher plus a few students



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**COVID SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW.**

nhs.uk/coronavirus OR CALL 119

Protect your friends and family

What is the risk to children?

- Not many children tend to catch Covid
 - Infection in kids tends to be very mild
 - Severe or life threatening illness rare
- Children less likely to start an outbreak
 - Younger children under 10 less infectious than those over 10 years
 - More likely that teachers will infect children, than vice versa
 - <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/infographic-covid-19-children-and-role-schools>

COVID-19 in children and the role of schools

Children and COVID-19

Last available scientific evidence has shown that children do not play a more significant role in COVID-19 transmission than adults.

However, they tend to be asymptomatic or develop only a mild infection, which makes it harder to detect or diagnose. At present, it remains unclear how infectious asymptomatic children are.



Why is coming back to school so important?

- **They can get back to learning ...**
- **Children meet their friends and mix socially**
– good for their wellbeing
- <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/children-and-school-settings-covid-19-transmission>

Schools - open for business

Schools are an essential part of society and children's lives. Closing schools should always be a last resort in efforts to control a pandemic.

If proper and consistent measures are in place, schools do not pose a greater risk of infection for children than any other public place, and are unlikely to drive transmission of the virus.



What else can you do as parents?

- Everyone wash hands more often and for longer
- ‘Catch it bin it kill it’
- Make sure your children are up to date with their childhood jabs (ask your GP if not sure) – measles and other diseases are still around
- Try not to mix and mingle with other parents at drop off and pick up times