Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone should continue to:

- wash hands regularly
- cover coughs and sneezes
- practice social distancing
- follow the latest public health advice

What should I not do?

- Don’t send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms
- Don’t allow your child to use public transport unless you have no alternative
- Don’t gather at the school entrance/gate
- Don’t allow your child to share food/drinks with friends

What should I do?

- Do let the school know if your child will be absent due to COVID-19 symptoms
- Do encourage your child to socially distance, if it is possible
- Do encourage good hand hygiene
- Do use alternative transport if you can
- Do walk or cycle if it’s safe and appropriate to do so
- Do use park and ride or other car-parking facilities (if available) and walk the remainder of the journey to school
- Do avoid parking close to or at the school gates
- Do encourage the use of face coverings on school transport

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for parents and carers, can be found on the Department of Education’s website at [www.education-ni.gov.uk](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk).