Child Theme's CSS Troubleshooting Guide

START HERE: Is the code working when placed in the Theme Options Custom CSS?

NO → Inspect the element you are targeting in the browser. See if your CSS properties are listed in the "Computed" section. Do you see the property value crossed out?

YES → Try placing it at the top of the child theme. Does it work now?

NO → Try adding `* {background:red!important;}` to the stylesheet. Does it make everything red?

NO → Make sure the style.css file is correctly loaded on the frontend. Check if you see that file in the "Sources" tab, or view your website source and run a search for the "style.css" with your child theme URL. Is the file loaded?

NO → It is very likely that your child theme is not set up correctly. Make sure the child theme is activated and check your functions.php file and see if the stylesheet is enqueued correctly.

YES → Using the link in the website source in the browser - open the file to see if it is the latest version. Does it include the code you are troubleshooting?

NO → You are likely seeing a cached version of your website. Make sure to clear the cache thoroughly. And that includes your browser cache, any caching plugins, server-side caching, and CDN if you are using any.

YES → Remove the "red" code and inspect the element you target in the browser inspector. See if your CSS properties are listed in the "Computed" section. A different bit of code is likely overwriting your code, and your selector needs to be more specific when placed in the stylesheet.

NO → Paste your CSS code in the Code validator Does it show errors?

YES → Make sure to use the correct CSS syntax. There is likely an error in your stylesheet, such as a missing bracket. Use CSS Validator to find it. Note: parse error suggests missing brackets.

NO → Modify the selector. Make sure you use correct CSS IDs and Classes with proper parent/child relationships. Your target is likely incorrect.

YES → It is very likely that your selector needs more specificity value. Check what selector is overwriting your code and make sure your selector has a higher specificity value.