



# The testing journey



### Register



Students, pupils and staff register online to participate. Note: this can be done in advance or immediately after the test.



THE CASE OF A POSITIVE RESULT

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#### Provide consent



Students, pupils and staff need to provide consent (where required via a parent or guardian.) Consent form is available here.



Repeat (for daily contact testing)

Pupils, students and staff who are close contacts of a positive case should repeat daily tests on school days until 7 negative tests days have elapsed. If the week elapses on a non-school day, they must isolate until they can test one final time on the next school day. I.e. if week spans over a weekend the pupil should isolate over the weekend.

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### Collect sample



Students, pupils and staff complete a supervised throat and nasal swab test. Students and pupils who are unable to self-swab may be assisted with administered swabbing. Guidance will follow on support for pupils who cannot self-swab and those with SEND.



### Read the test



Negative



Positive





Invalid

The Testing Processor will analyse the result against the manufacturer's instruction for use and interprets result as negative, positive or invalid.

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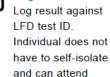
### Report result



Student, pupil or staff member to take a subsequent PCR test to confirm the result.

They will have to return home to self-isolate until results of PCR test are





school or college.

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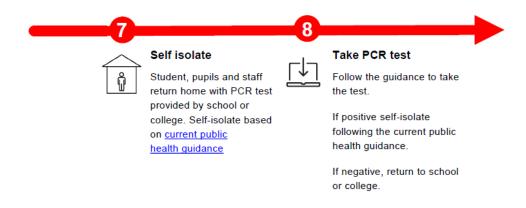
Student, pupil or member of staff to take a new LFD test





## The testing journey: positive result

For individuals who have returned a positive LFD test, schools and colleges should follow the following steps:



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If, at any point, a student, pupil or staff member begins displaying symptoms they must follow government guidelines.



## A new approach to close contacts – 'daily contact testing'\*

## Printable guidance for Schools and Colleges

A new approach known as 'daily contact testing' has been developed to help find more asymptomatic cases. This will allow those (pupils/students and staff) who are in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to return to school/college. If they agree to be tested for 7 days\* following their last contact with a positive case.

IMPORTANT: If, at any point, a student, pupil or staff member begins displaying symptoms they must follow government guidelines, order a PCR test and self-isolate.

A close contact of my child at school / college tested positive, what are my options?

### I want to take the daily test...

### If your lateral flow test is negative

### If your PCR test is positive

You'll need to take a lateral flow test at the start of each day for 7 davs\*

Continue with your normal activities until your next test is due.

Complete 10 days self isolation. All other identified close contacts and household members of this positive case will now also follow the national quidance.

You can choose to opt out from daily testing at any time and self-isolate.

### If your lateral flow test is positive

Follow the national guidance. and take a confirmatory PCR

If your PCR test is negative

test, self isolate until the result of your PCR test is available.

Continue with your normal activities until your next LFD test is due.



If you do not wish to be tested daily or are unable to be tested for any reason, you must self-isolate in accordance with national quidance until 10 days after the last contact with the person who tested positive

Any new positive cases during daily contact testing will reset the clock for the daily contact testing (daily testing) to the start of 7 days.

\*If the participant cannot take a test (e.g. on the weekend), they should self-isolate for that day, and resume daily contact testing on their return to school / college. If they return after the 7 days are finished, then they should take one test to complete the selfisolation period, and if it is negative they can return to school/college and their testing period is complete (even if they have not taken 7 tests in total).



## COVID-related pupil/student absence –

## **Printable Guidance for Parents and Pupils/Students (1/2)**

The guidance below addresses what a positive or negative test result means for your child and your household, and the support available to you.

What happens if a close contact at school / college of my child tests positive?

What do I need to do if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

- They can consent to take part in 'serial testing' where they are tested daily for 7 days
- This will enable them to stay in school / college if they test negative
- If you or they do not wish to take part, they will need to self-isolate

What if my child tests negative for COVID-19 in the serial testing?

- · Do not send your child to school/college
- They will need to take a further 'PCR test'
   (similar to those done in testing sites) to confirm
   the positive result, they will be able to do this at
   school/college or take a test kit home.
- Contact the school / college to inform us of the PCR test result which you will receive via text / email
- Your child will need to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days according to guidelines.
- There will be no need for them to self-isolate and you can remain in school / college as normal
- Social distancing and face coverings where appropriate will remain necessary

How does my child testing positive impact the rest of my household?

- Your household will have to self-isolate for 10 days
- · Follow the latest government guidance.

When can my child return to school / college after testing positive for COVID-19?

- Your child can stop self-isolating and return to school / college on day 11 if they've not had a high temperature for 48 hours and are well
- They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks



## COVID-related pupil/student absence –

## **Printable Guidance for Parents and Pupils/Students (2/2)**

The guidance below addresses what a positive or negative test result means for your child and your household, and the support available to you.

What does a positive result mean for my child's education?

We have a strong commitment to ensuring all pupils/students can access a wide range of learning resources remotely and will continue to support their education whilst they are self-isolating.

Additional information can be found https://bit.ly/covidhomelearning



For more information you can visit: https://bit.ly/covidhomelearning

If you're worried about your child medically, visit https://www.nhs.uk/ or call 111.

