TESTING TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS – COVID-19

No

Has pupil or staff member become symptomatic of COVID-19?

A high temperature

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)

A new, continuous cough

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

Yes

Pupil/Staff member starts self-isolation at home immediately and accesses a Covid-19 test.

Parent/carer/staff member informs school/setting of symptoms.

PLEASE NOTE: Siblings need to be sent home/kept home with symptomatic pupils

Testing is most effective on days 1 to 3 and can be done up to a maximum of day 5.

Parent/carer or staff member informs school/setting of the results

Pupil/staff member tests negative

Pupil/staff member tests positive

Pupil/staff member can return to school/setting once 48 hours fever free and feeling well; continue good hand hygiene.

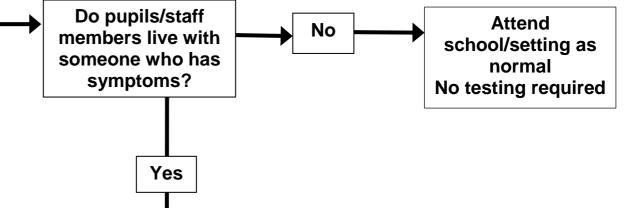
Pupil/staff member may return to work with a mild cough, which can persist for several weeks without being infectious. Pupil/staff member must stay at home and continues self-isolation for 10 days from the date when their symptoms started with household members isolating for 14 days. After this period, they can return to school/setting if 48 hours fever free and feeling well; continue good hand hygiene. Pupil/staff member may return to work with a mild cough, which can persist for several weeks.

Where the pupil or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the pupil or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow 'stay at home: guidance'. **They should get a test**, and:

- if the test delivers a **negative** result, **they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period**. This is because they could **still develop COVID-19** within the remaining days.
- if the test result is **positive**, **they should inform their setting immediately**, **and must isolate for at least 10 days** from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following <u>'stay at home: guidance'</u>

If other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.



Pupil (including siblings also at the school/setting)/staff member starts self-isolation at home immediately and informs school/setting of person's symptoms.

The person in the household with the staff member can be tested for Covid-19. Testing is most effective on days 1 to 3 and can be done up to a maximum of day 5

Parent/carer/staff member advises school/setting of the test result

Household member tests negative

Pupil/staff member can return to school/setting

unless they themselves have become symptomatic, in which case they should: continue to stay at home until 48 hours fever free and feeling well; continue good hand hygiene. Household member tests positive

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Pupil /staff member must stay at home for 14 days from the date when the first person in the household became ill. After this period, they can return to the school/setting if they remain symptom free.

What to do in a school/setting if you have a pupil/staff case of Covid-19:

Cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) need to be reported to the **Health Protection Team in Public Health England** using the online reporting system available here:

https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n4KL97m2I

Or by telephone to 0344 225 3560 (opt 0 opt 2)

Please also inform Solihull Council on 0121 704 6892 or email brief details to contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk The School Improvement Team at the Council can also support.

THERE IS NO NEED TO INFORM SMBC/PHE OF SYMPTOMATIC PEOPLE ONLY CONFIRMED CASES.

An infection prevention checklist can be found at

 $\underline{https://solgrid365.sharepoint.com/sites/council/Covid19SchoolReopeningDocuments/PHESchoolsInfectionPreventionChecklist20200527.docx$

More information on teaching resources are available at the PHE website

https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools This link may also be useful https://e-bug.eu/

If you would like some general Covid-19 advice, please phone the **Public Health department at Solihull Council** on **0121 704 6892** or email brief details to contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk

