TESTING TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS – COVID-19 [updated 24/11/20]

Has pupil or staff member become symptomatic of COVID-19? → **No** → **Do pupils/staff members live with (or stay with regularly) someone who has symptoms?** → **No** → **Attend school/setting as normal No testing required**

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 8**.
Parent/carer or staff member informs school/setting of the results.
If the result is unclear, another test should be booked

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.
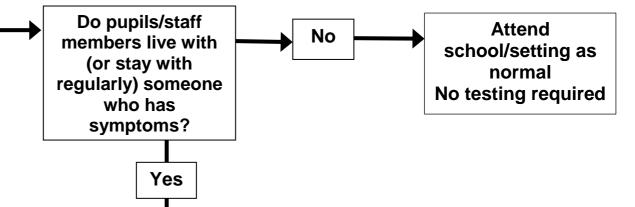
Pupil/staff member may return to work with a mild cough, which can persist for several weeks without being infectious.

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 'stay at home: guidance'

If there are multiple cases within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health 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.**

Yes ↓

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 8**.

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

Household member tests negative

Household member tests positive

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.

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:

Time:	How?	Where to?
Anytime *if it is not urgent*	Via email	Send case details to **contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk** **Please state if you require a call back or not**. *These are not routinely picked up out-of-hours*
8.30am – 5.00pm MONDAY to FRIDAY	Phone	**Covid-19 Response Line - 0121 704 6892**
5.00pm – 8.30am and all day SATURDAY and SUNDAY	Phone	**Education Out-of-Hours line – 0121 704 6603** **Please only phone out-of-hours if you require urgent advice.** *If the line if not answered, please leave a voice message with a contact number and you will receive a call back.*

An infection prevention checklist can be found at
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

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