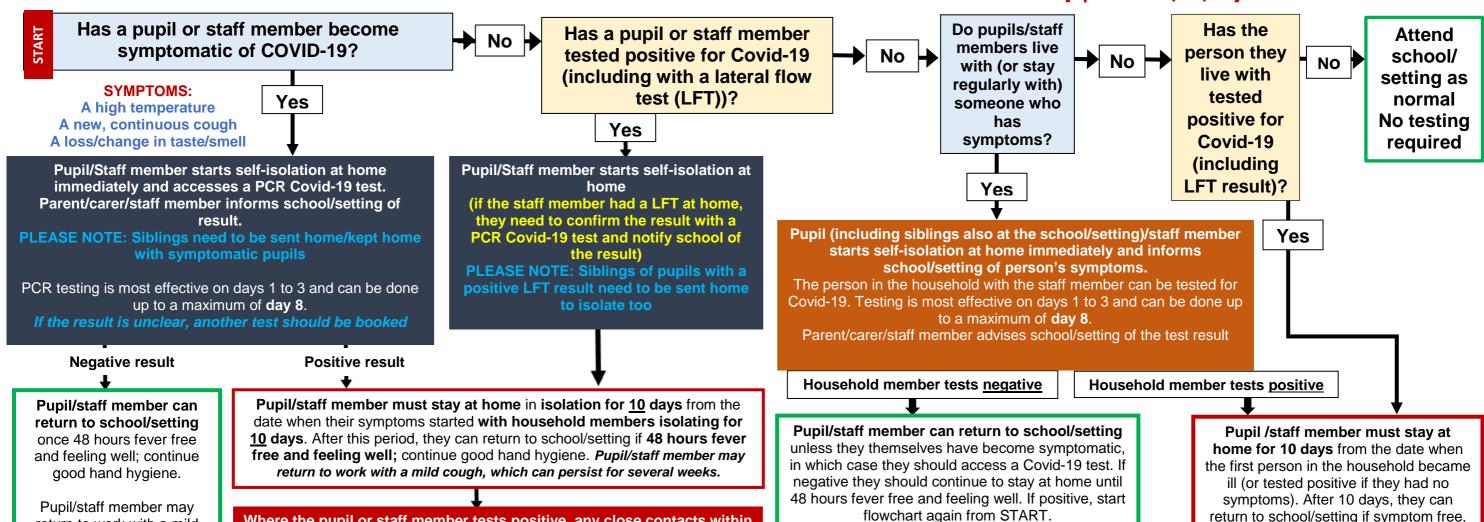
TESTING TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS - COVID-19 [updated 04/02/21]



Where the pupil or staff member tests positive, any close contacts within the education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate cough, which can persist for for 10 days (often the whole class/bubble in Early Years/Primary Schools). The other household members of the isolated pupils or staff do not need to self-isolate unless the pupil or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

If a person who has no symptoms tests positive for Covid-19 then develops symptoms during their 10-day isolation period, they must then ISOLATE for a further 10 days from the day of the first symptoms (this is day 0, day 1 being the next day) extending their original isolation period.

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If a close contact who has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 10-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 10-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 10 days from the onset of their symptoms. Their household should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following 'stay at home: guidance'

If there are multiple cases within a setting, Public Health will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other pupils may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. Closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

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

Time:	How?	Where to?
Anytime <i>if it is not</i> 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 <u>urgent</u> advice. If the line if not answered, please leave a voice message with a contact number and <u>you will receive a call back</u> .

An infection prevention checklist can be found at

https://solgrid365.sharepoint.com/sites/council/Covid19SchoolReopeningDocuments/PHESchoolsInfectionPrev entionChecklist20200527.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

