**TESTING TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS – COVID-19 [updated 10/06/21]**

**Attend school/ setting as normal**

**No testing required**

**Has the person they live with tested positive for Covid-19 (including LFT result)?**

**SYMPTOMS:**

**A high temperature**

**A new, continuous cough**

**A loss/change in taste/smell**

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

**Do pupils/staff members live with (or stay regularly with) someone who has symptoms?**

**Has a pupil or staff member tested positive for Covid-19 (including with a lateral flow test (LFT))?**

**No**

**START**

**No**

**No**

**No**

**Yes**

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**Yes**

**Yes**

**Negative result**

**Pupil/Staff member starts self-isolation at home immediately and accesses a PCR Covid-19 test. Parent/carer/staff member informs school/setting of result.**

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

PCR testing is most effective on days 1 to 3 and can be done up to a maximum of **day 8**.

***If the result is unclear, another test should be booked***

**Positive result**

**Pupil/Staff member starts self-isolation at home**

**(if the person had a LFT, they must confirm the result within 2 days with a PCR Covid-19 test and notify school/setting of the result)**

**PLEASE NOTE: Siblings of pupils with a positive LFT result need to be sent home to isolate too**

**Yes**

**Household member tests positive**

**Household member tests negative**

**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

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**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** in **isolation for 10 days** from the date when their symptoms started **with household members isolating for 10 days**. After this period, they can return to school/setting if **48 hours fever free and feeling well**. ***Pupil/staff member may return to work with a mild cough/loss or change in taste/smell, which can persist for several weeks.***

**Pupil /staff member must stay at home for 10 days** from the date when the first person in the household became ill (or tested positive if they had no symptoms). After 10 days, they can return to school/setting if symptom free.

**Pupil/staff member can return to school/setting**

unless they themselves have become symptomatic, in which case they should access a Covid-19 test. If negative they should continue to stay at home until 48 hours fever free and feeling well. If positive, start flowchart again from **START**.

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**Where the pupil or staff member tests positive, any close contacts within the education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate 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.**

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

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| 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](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/3Rq-CgpLDclMolJSEm1Zw?domain=campaignresources.phe.gov.uk) This link may also be useful [https://e-bug.eu/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/aUJSCjYqgIjWBj0tndge0?domain=e-bug.eu/)

**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.

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**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 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.**

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'**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-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'**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)

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