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

START

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

SYMPTOMS:
A high temperature
A new, continuous cough
A loss/change in taste/smell

Yes

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

Negative result

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.

Positive result

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.***

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.**

No

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

Yes

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

No

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

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

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**.

Household member tests positive

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.

No

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

Yes

No

Attend school/ setting as normal
No testing required

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.

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 ***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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