



Covid-19 related pupil absence

Reference guide for parents / carers

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PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR CURRENT CONTACT NUMBER TO THE SCHOOL

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms including any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new continuous cough • A high temperature • A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell 	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us • Order an immediate confirmatory PCR test • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and are over the age of 18 years and 6 months • Any adult members of the household that are fully vaccinated together with any children/young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days and can continue to attend their setting/workplace as normal, unless they record a positive test result 	<p>The PCR test comes back negative, and your child feels well enough to return to school. OR: The PCR test comes back POSITIVE: once 7 days have passed following the date on which symptoms first began AND two negative LFD test results have been recorded on days 6 and 7 of isolation, AND your child feels well again and does not have a high temperature. <i>Please note: Individuals that cannot test for any reason on days 6 and 7 of their isolation period are required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation: SEE CHART ON PAGE 3.</i></p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18 years and 6 months • Any adult members of the household that are fully vaccinated together with any children/young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days and can continue to attend their setting/workplace as normal, unless they record a positive test result 	<p>Once 7 days have passed following the date of the LFD test (or following the date that symptoms began, if they were symptomatic prior to taking the LFD test) AND two negative LFD test results have been recorded on days 6 and 7 of isolation, AND your child feels well again and does not have a high temperature. <i>Please note: Individuals that cannot test for any reason during days 6 and 7 of their isolation are still required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation: SEE CHART ON PAGE 3.</i></p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19 on a PCR</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 7 days following the test date/date symptoms began) 	<p>Once 7 days have passed following the date of the PCR test (or following the date that symptoms began, if they were symptomatic prior to taking the PCR test), AND two negative LFD test results have been recorded on days 6 and 7 of isolation AND your child feels</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18 years and 6 months • Any adult members of the household that are fully vaccinated together with any children/young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days and can continue to attend their setting/workplace as normal, unless they record a positive test result 	<p>well again and does not have a high temperature.</p> <p><i>Please note: Individuals that cannot test for any reason during days 6 and 7 of their isolation are still required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation: SEE CHART ON PAGE 3.</i></p>
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19 but could be contagious (i.e., sickness, diarrhoea) or is too ill to come to school	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us • Ring on each day of illness 	After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) or when feeling well if not sickness related.
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD or PCR	<p>Household member to self-isolate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18 years and 6 months • Any adult members of the household that are fully vaccinated together with any children/young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days and can continue to attend their setting/workplace as normal, unless they record a positive test result 	Child can continue to attend school unless they record a positive result.
NHS Track and Trace has identified a household member/s as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19	<p>The household member/s must self-isolate as instructed from NHS Track and Trace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child can continue to attend school 	Child can continue to attend school.

Please note: The [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) was updated on 11 January 2022. The advice for people who have a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result has changed. They are no longer required to have a follow-up polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, and they should stay at home and self-isolate immediately.

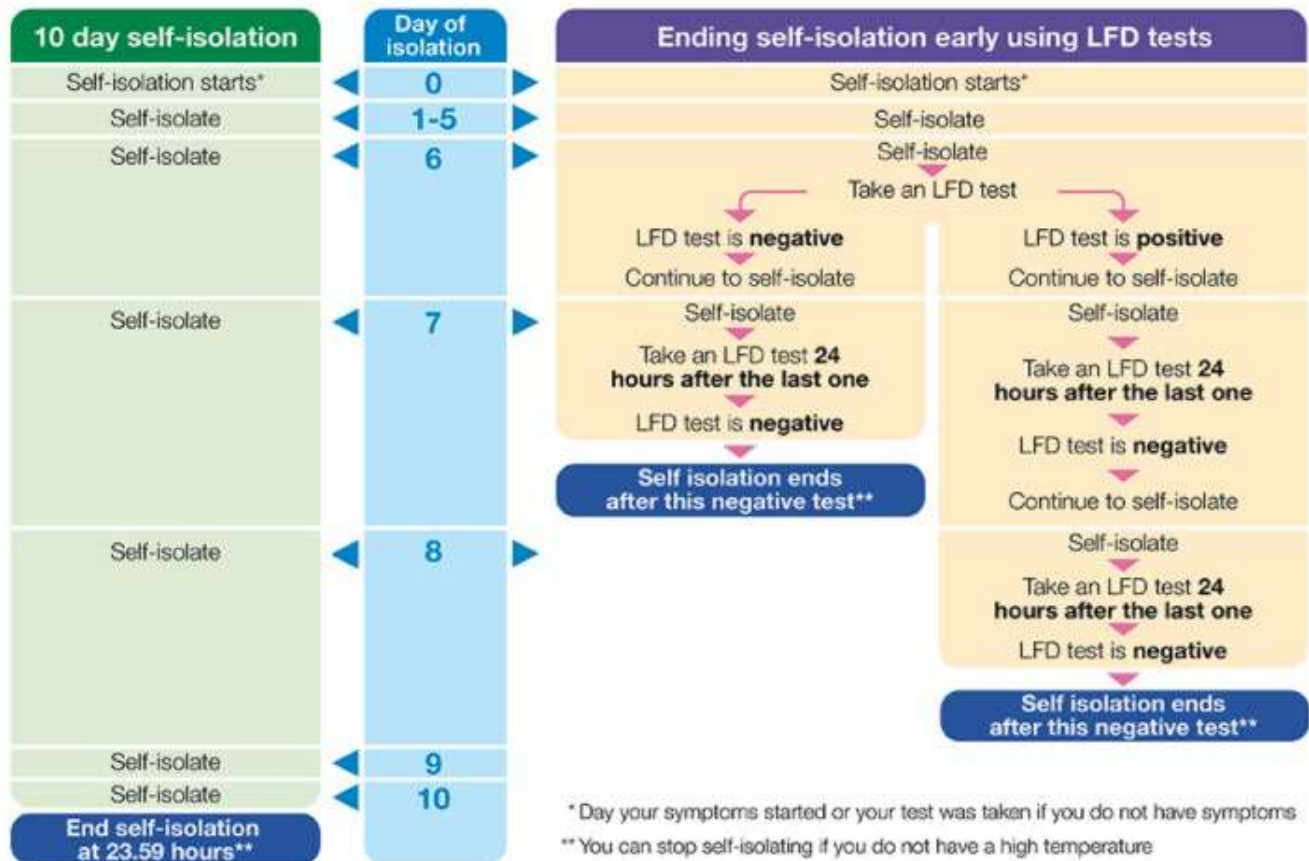
Anyone who has a positive LFD test result should only have a follow-up PCR test if:

- they wish to claim the [Test and Trace Support Payment](#)
- they have a health condition that means they may be suitable for new coronavirus (COVID-19) treatments
- they are taking LFD tests as part of research or surveillance programmes, and the programme asks them to do so
- they have a positive day 2 LFD test [after arriving in England](#)

Please note: Any children/young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months (and also any adults that are

fully vaccinated) are no longer required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace and identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, instead they are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days and can continue to attend their setting/workplace as normal, unless they record a positive test result. If your child is asymptomatic but has taken a PCR test, they can still continue to attend their setting as normal; they only need to self-isolate upon receiving notification of a positive test result.

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



You can view the full NHS guidance on when to self-isolate and what to do at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

My child has recently travelled abroad (i.e., during the Winter break):

Please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19> for the latest information and guidance.

If you have travelled abroad and believe that your child will not be able to attend school from the first day of the new school term as a result you must:

- Contact school to inform us and to agree the earliest date for your child's possible return to school