



Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for parents

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My child has tested positive for Covid-19. What should I do next?

If the test taken was a lateral flow test, then you should book a PCR test for confirmation. Your child should self isolate at home until the results of this PCR test is known, and if it is positive they must continue to self isolate for the remainder of the isolation period. If it is negative they can return to school. Please keep the year office and attendance team up to date with the situation. Other members of the household are advised to book a PCR test as well but may continue with work or school whilst awaiting the results, unless advised otherwise by NHS Test and Trace. (See next question)

A member of our household has tested positive for Covid-19. Can my child still attend school?

The government recommendation is for everyone in the household to book a PCR test due their close contact with the infected person. It is not necessary to self isolate whilst awaiting these results so your child can continue to attend school unless advised otherwise by NHS Test and Trace. However, we would ask that they complete a lateral flow test each day until there is no longer anyone infectious in the household. Spare lateral flow kits can be collected from year offices or the main reception.

My child has been informed that they are a close contact of somebody who has tested positive for covid-19. What should I do?

The government recommendation is for you to book your child a PCR test. It is not necessary to self isolate whilst awaiting these results so your child can continue to attend school. However, we would ask that they complete a lateral flow test each day until there is no longer anyone infectious in the household. Spare lateral flow kits can be collected from year offices or the main reception.

Is my child allowed to wear a face covering in school?

Yes, your child is free to wear face covering whenever and wherever they wish.

When should lateral flow tests be taken?

Please ensure lateral flow tests are taken every Wednesday and Sunday and report the result to the NHS via [this link](#). Remember, lateral flow tests are only to be used to identify asymptomatic cases, i.e. those who do **not** have symptoms. Anyone displaying covid symptoms should immediately self isolate and book a PCR test. Spare lateral flow kits can be collected from year offices or the main reception.

How long will lateral flow testing continue?

Lateral flow testing will continue for as long as we are advised to by central government.