

COVID-related pupil/student absence

Printable Guidance for Staff (1/2)

The guidance below addresses what a positive or negative test result means for you and your household, and the support available to you.

What do I need to do if I test **positive** for COVID-19 on a Lateral Flow Device?

- You will need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the positive result
- Contact the school / college to inform us of the PCR test result which you will receive via text / email
- If positive, you will need to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days.

When can I return to school / college if I tested **positive** on a Lateral Flow Device for COVID-19?

- You can stop self-isolating and return to school / college on day 11 **after the PCR test** if you've not had a high temperature for 48 hours and are well
- You can return then even if you have a cough or loss of taste/smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks

How does testing **positive** impact the rest of my household?

- Your household will have to self-isolate for 10 days
- Follow the [latest government guidance](#).

What happens if a **close contact** of mine in school / college tests positive on a Lateral Flow Device?

- You can consent to take part in 'serial contact testing' where you are tested daily for 7 days
- If you test negative, you can remain in school/college that day
- If you do not wish to take part, you will need to self-isolate

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What if I test **negative** for COVID-19 on a Lateral Flow Device?

- There will be no need for you to self-isolate and you can resume activities as normal
- Social distancing and face coverings where appropriate will remain necessary and frequent hand washing is recommended
- You may not be informed if your lateral flow test result is negative



Addressing your concerns

If you're worried about your health, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/> or call 111.

IMPORTANT: If, at any point, a student/pupil or staff member begins displaying symptoms they must [follow government guidelines](#), [order a PCR test](#) and self-isolate.