



Parental COVID self isolation guidance. What to do if...?



...my child has COVID symptoms

My child	Take your child for a PCR test . Your child must self isolate until they receive their result. If your child is absent from school while waiting for their result, report their absence to school in the usual way.
Other household members	If other household members have had two COVID vaccines or are under 18 years and 6 months old, they should take a PCR test but do not need to self isolate while waiting for their result. If other household members over the age of 18 years and 6 months have not had two COVID vaccines, they must self isolate until your child receives their PCR result.



...my child has tested POSITIVE on an LFD test

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...my child has tested POSITIVE on a PCR test

My child	Follow the advice of NHS Test and Trace and inform school as soon as possible. Your child must self isolate for a total of 10 full days from the day the symptoms started or the day they received their test PCR result if they didn't have symptoms.
Other household members	Follow the advice of NHS Test and Trace. If other household members have had two COVID vaccines or are under 18 years and 6 months old, they should take a PCR test but do not need to self isolate while waiting for the result. If other household members over the age of 18 years and 6 months have not had two COVID vaccines, they should take a PCR test and must self isolate for a total of 10 full days from the day your child's symptoms started or the day your child received their PCR test result if they didn't have symptoms.



...my child has tested NEGATIVE on a PCR test

My child	If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive LFD test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test. Your child can stop self isolating and return to school, as long as they don't have COVID symptoms. If your child does not return to school it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence which could result in a penalty notice being issued.
Other household members	Do not need to take a PCR test or self isolate.



...a member of the household has tested POSITIVE on an LFD test

As your child is under 18 years and 6 months old, they should take a **PCR test** but do **not** need to self isolate while waiting for their result.

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...another child in your child's class has tested POSITIVE

NHS Test and Trace will work with the family of the child who has tested positive to identify any close contacts. If your child is identified as a close contact, NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know if your child needs to take any precautionary measures, for example take a **PCR test**. Unless contacted by NHS Test and Trace, your child **must** continue to attend school.

Unauthorised absence

Unless your child has been told by NHS Test and Trace to self isolate, they must attend school. If your child does **not** attend school it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence which could result in a penalty notice being issued.

Regular LFD testing

Your child should be testing twice weekly at home using the LFD kits available from school to help identify asymptomatic COVID cases in school and the wider community. All results, both positive and negative, should continue to be reported via the Government portal and the school's Google Form. If your child tests positive on an LFD, please follow the steps above.

Applicable to England **only**. Correct as of 14 September 2021.



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