



Guidance for parents/carers on isolation and attendance – January 2022

My child has been a close contact of a positive case of Covid 19 and is **age 5 or over**.

Child should continue to attend school as normal but it is strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days.

My child has been a close contact of a positive case of Covid 19 and is **under 5**.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend school whilst waiting for the result.

My child has symptoms.

- A high temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss or change of smell/taste

Child should **not** attend school and should get a PCR test. Child should isolate at home until negative result is received. Siblings can attend school as normal.

My child has tested positive on a LFD test.

Child should **not** attend school and should get a PCR. Siblings should continue to attend school as normal but if a positive PCR is received, they should follow the advice of close contact LFD testing for 7 days if over the aged of 5.

My child has tested positive on a PCR test.

Child should isolate and **not** attend school. Child can return to school **on Day 8** if they take an LFD test on days 6 and 7 that both come back negative. These LFD tests should be done 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If the child does not take the two LFD tests for early release, they should isolate for the full 10 days.

Siblings can continue to come to school as normal but are advised to follow the recommendation for close contacts as above.

No child who has tested positive should return to school if, after the isolation period, they still have a high temperature or are still feeling unwell.