

FAQs: School and Covid (written September 2021 using most recent guidance available)

Throughout this document, wording in bold type is taken directly from government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#symptoms>

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Event	Response
You have one or more symptoms of Covid	Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
Due to displaying symptoms, you have taken a PCR test and the result is negative	If your PCR test result is negative but you still have symptoms, you may have another viral illness such as a cold, flu or a stomach bug. You should stay at home until you feel well and for at least 2 more days if you have had diarrhoea or vomiting. Seek medical attention if you are concerned about your symptoms. You can stop isolating as long as: • you are well and have not had diarrhoea or vomiting for at least 2 days • no one else in your household has symptoms • no one else in your household has tested positive for COVID-19 • you have not been advised by NHS Test and Trace that you are legally required to self-isolate Anyone in your household who is isolating because of your symptoms can also stop isolating
You have tested positive for Covid following a PCR test	Your isolation period starts immediately from when your symptoms started, or, if you do not have any symptoms, from when your test was taken. Your isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.

You have tested positive for Covid following an LFD	If you test positive for COVID-19 by LFD test, you should self-isolate and follow this guidance. You should also request a follow-up PCR test.
A member of the household has symptoms of Covid	if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19. See the section below for more information . If you have only received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, you will still be required to self-isolate.
A member of the household has tested positive for Covid (PCR test or LFD)	 you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply: • you are fully vaccinated • you are below the age of 18 years 6 months • you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial • you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
You believe that you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid	NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, you will be advised to have a PCR test as soon as possible .

Where government guidance is amended, we will follow the most up to date information available to us.

In all situations we will work with families to prioritise the safety, well-being and education of our whole school community.

We thank you for your continued support.