

COVID-19 related attendance information

Covid Symptoms

If your child develops **any** of the following symptoms whilst at home, please do not send them into school and arrange a COVID-19 test. These symptoms are:

- **a high temperature**
- **a new, continuous cough**
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

If your child has **none** of the symptoms above but has a runny-nose or sore throat they may attend school if they feel well enough.

Asymptomatic LFD Testing

Students should continue to test twice weekly at home with lateral flow device test kits, these should not be used if a student has symptoms.

Students who receive a positive LFD test should stay at home and book a PCR test as soon as possible. They should isolate until they have their result, this isolation will be coded as X (not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus) on the register; this will not affect their attendance record. If the result of the PCR is negative, they may return to school.

Student Isolation

Students are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 if they are under the age of 18 and 6 months, fully vaccinated or unable to get vaccinated for medical reason.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Managing Outbreaks

We will continue to liaise with Public Health England and will act on any measure they recommend as part of their outbreak management responsibilities.

Positive Covid Cases

You should report a positive test result to the attendance team as soon as possible by calling 01788 840600 and selecting option 1.

Where a student is unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of Covid 19 we will use the I code (Illness). This will be taken into consideration when any further attendance action is considered later in the school year.