

Schools' COVID-19 advice to parents and carers - June 2021

Keeping our children, schools and communities safe

One in three people who catch coronavirus (COVID-19) don't get any symptoms, so regular testing is vital to help prevent spreading it unknowingly.

Rapid lateral flow device (LFD) tests are only for people without symptoms and give a quick result in 30 minutes. All adults and secondary/ college pupils should use these tests twice a week.

PCR tests are for people with symptoms. They are processed by a laboratory, with the results usually back the next day. 'Close contacts' of someone with COVID-19 can also get a PCR test, even if they don't have symptoms.

Visit devon.cc/testing for more information.

- **What if my child tests positive using a LFD home test kit?**
 - keep your child at home, tell school the result and report it via GOV.UK
 - your child and whole household should self-isolate at home immediately
 - get a PCR test within two days to confirm the result
 - they can return to school if the PCR test result (taken within two days of the LFD test) is negative and they have no symptoms
- **What if my child tests positive using a PCR test?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school the result
 - your household must self-isolate for 10 full days after your child's symptoms started or from the day of their test if they had no symptoms
 - they can return to school after 10 full days of self-isolation, provided they feel well and have not had a temperature for 24 hours

- **What if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school
 - get them a PCR test as soon as possible via devon.cc/testing
 - your child and household must self-isolate and wait for the results
 - if their PCR test result is negative they can return to school provided they feel well and have not had a temperature for 24 hours. If their PCR test result is positive they must self isolate at home for 10 full days
- **What if my child is identified as a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive or has been sent home from school as part of a 'bubble'?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school
 - your child must self-isolate at home for 10 full days, even if they test negative during this time
 - the rest of your household doesn't need to self-isolate unless they are identified as a 'close contact' too
 - they can return to school after completing 10 full days of self-isolation at home, provided they feel well and do not have any COVID-19 symptoms
- **What if someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school
 - the person with COVID-19 symptoms should get a PCR test via devon.cc/testing as soon as possible
 - your household must self-isolate and wait for the result
 - your child can return to school if the person with symptoms tests negative, provided your child feels well and doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms
- **What if someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - keep your child at home and tell school
 - if it's a LFD positive result, get a PCR test within 2 days to confirm the result
 - if it's a PCR positive result your household must self-isolate for 10 full days
- **What should I do if we are planning a holiday abroad?**
 - check all government guidance on international travel and ensure you follow all the requirements