

Outbreak Management Plan for COVID-19

Department of Education's Guidance updates – Plan B

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID 19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these tests are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation period after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

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 a higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19 and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible.** *They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result.* If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.](#)"

At St. Paul's Nursery, we have been able to contain the spread at Nursery due to parents and carers communication and vigilance. We have an immune compromised child at our nursery as well as extended family members, who are at **high risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19**, so although it is not statutory to keep children at home if a family member has the virus, we ask you to think what is best for the community and therefore encourage that the child remain at home until the family is free from the virus. The Team is still prone to contract COVID-19, which would most have an impact on closure of the Nursery.

Vaccination is promoted by St. Paul's Church Nursery School, and staff and volunteers are encouraged to do two lateral flow tests on a weekly basis.

If a child shows symptoms or if they are within a family with symptoms, it is strongly advised to take a lateral flow test.

Positive rapid lateral flow test results

Anyone with a positive test result will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance](#).
- [book a further test](#) (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, and if symptomatic, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test

Do not send your child to their nursery if

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result

You should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

If you insist on your child attending nursery when they have symptoms, we can take the decision to refuse your child if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other children and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Our decision would be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice, but with strong motives to keep our community safe.

Useful links

- [Contact tracing downloads - FAQs / parent letter / contact tracing journey \(Google Drive\)](#)
- [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)
- [Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](#)
- [Ofsted: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rolling update](#)