For any SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED case of COVID-19 in a child/young person please follow the flow chart below

SUSPECTED case if child/young person has COVID-19 symptoms

Key symptoms:

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

Additional symptoms that may be early warning signs of COVID-19 in children include upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue.

Book a PCR test as soon as possible online via the website www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Alternatively a PCR test can be ordered by phone on

NHS 119 for those without the internet.

Ensure child/young person isolates at home till the test result.

*Who else needs to isolate?

The rest of the household <u>does not</u> need to isolate if they are :

- Under 18 and 6 months and/or Double vaccinated and/or
- Part of a COVID Vaccine trial and/or
- Exempt for other reasons

If <u>none</u> of the above apply then the household contacts <u>must</u> isolate till the test result.

following a Positive PCR Test

CONFIRMED case(s)

Positive PCR Result

Inform the setting of positive PCR. Child/young person must self- isolate for 10 days.

The rest of the household <u>does not</u> need to isolate if they are:

- Under 18 and 6 months # and/or
- Double vaccinated and/or
- Part of a COVID Vaccine trial and/or
- Exempt for other reasons

If <u>none</u> of the above apply then the household contacts <u>must</u> isolate for 10 days.

#close or household contacts attending Primary or Secondary schools with outbreaks do daily LFD tests while awaiting the results of the PCR test and must not attend if LFD positive.

CONFIRMED case(s) following a Positive LFD Test

Positive LFD Result

Inform setting of positive LFD
Take a PCR test <u>WITHIN 2 DAYS</u> of positive
LFD - Online at <u>www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or</u>
119.

Child/Young person and eligible close contacts* must self-isolate whilst waiting for the result.

Negative PCR Result

Child/Young person and eligible close contacts* can stop isolation and can return to the setting. Restart twice weekly LFD home testing in secondary aged pupils.

Ensure child/young person isolates at home for 10 days, along with any members of their household who are over 18 yrs & 6 months and have not had 2× COVID vaccines.*

For symptomatic cases the day the symptoms began is DAY ZERO.

You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

For asymptomatic cases the date of the test is DAY ZERO.

You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

Isolation ends the day after day 10 – the young person can return to the setting, if well, and any eligible household members * can stop isolating.

If the child/young person has diarrhoea or are being sick, they should continue to isolate until 48hrs after symptoms – as per usual sickness protocol.

Result of test

NEGATIVE POSITIVE

Child/Young person can return to setting once well.

If anyone else in the household becomes unwell and tests positive for Covid-19 they will need to restart/start their 10 day isolation. The rest of the family who have been isolating*, do not need to extend their isolations after completing the 10 days.

- We continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face covering in crowded, public indoor areas.
- Face covering are to be worn on transport to and from educational settings.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available after 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19 you are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test result, unless you develop new symptoms.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms book a PCR test.
- · LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They should not be used in children under 12 years (unless in secondary school).
- If you have had a COVID-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have been identified as a close contact * of a positive case, a negative LFD test does not mean you can stop isolating unless part of a workplace scheme.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test.