

## COVID Guidance

### Child showing COVID symptoms

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

### Child tested positive on lateral flow test

Child is not showing symptoms (asymptomatic) but has tested positive on a lateral flow test (LFT).

If a child is showing symptoms they should not take an LFT, they must take a PCR test.

**Isolate the child away from others and send home.**

### Child to self-isolate at home.

No one else in the house needs to isolate unless they are over 18 years, 6 months and haven't had both vaccines. Close contacts do not need to isolate.

### Child to take PCR test.

If the child is **not** showing symptoms but **has** tested positive on an LFT then the PCR test must be taken within 48 hours of the LFT.

If the child is showing symptoms then they must take a PCR test and they **should not** take an LFT.

Child to continue to isolate until the results are known.

### Negative result

### Child can return to school.

Evidence of negative result to be emailed to [SSanders@ossma.co.uk](mailto:SSanders@ossma.co.uk).

### Positive result

### Child to self-isolate for 10 days.

Day 1 is the day after the symptoms started. Or if there weren't any symptoms, day 1 is the day after the test was taken.

Evidence of positive result to be emailed to [SSanders@ossma.co.uk](mailto:SSanders@ossma.co.uk).

### Cannot/ will not take a PCR test.

### Child to self-isolate for 10 days.

Day 1 is the day after the symptoms started.

### NHS Test and Trace will contact parents.

They'll identify close contacts and advise them to get a PCR.

Close contacts **DO NOT** need to isolate unless;

- They are showing symptoms.

**OR**

- They are over 18 years, 6 months **and** haven't had both vaccines.