

Q - Does my child have to be tested to attend school?

A - No, you are within your rights to decline testing for your child. However we strongly recommend that everyone, including all staff are tested to increase the control of transmission.

Q - Can my child change their mind at the last minute to having a test?

A- Yes, this is absolutely fine.

Q - How often will they be tested?

A - Every week we will carry out testing on all staff and students until government guidelines change.

Q - What happens if my child tests positive?

A - you will be asked to book a repeat test using the PCR testing method. This is available via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Q - If my child has symptoms can they get a test in school?

A - No, please do not send your child in to school, they must immediately start isolating and book a test via the government website. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Q - Will staff do the testing for my child?

A - Staff will be available to help guide students through the testing process and how to perform the self-test. Staff will not perform the test for your child. Story board guidance and strategies to reduce anxiety will be provided.

Q - Does the test hurt?

A- No, the test swabs the back of the throat and the nasal areas, it can be a little uncomfortable but is over in a matter of seconds.

Q - If my child tests positive, do I have to get another test.

A- No, but without a second PCR test you would be required to isolate as a household for 10 days

Q - If we are notified by track and trace to isolate but my child has a negative test at school do they have to isolate too?

A - Yes, they would still need to isolate for the 10 days

Q - How accurate is the test in school?

A - These devices can help identify people who have high levels of virus who do not have symptoms and would not otherwise be coming forward for a test. They are less accurate than the PCR tests, hence why we recommend that a further test is taken if your child test positive. More information is available here: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/12/08/lateral-flow-testing-new-rapid-tests-to-detect-covid-19/>

Q - Can you test other family members if we are struggling to book a test?

A - No, we are only permitted to test our staff and students.

Q - If someone in my child class tests positive, but my child is negative what happens?

A - your child can remain in school but would require a test every day for five days. If they do not want to do this, they can isolate in line with government guidelines. PCR tests are only available to people who have had a positive lateral flow test or have symptoms. If the student who tested positive has a negative PCR test then everyone will be able to return.