

What to do if a pupil/student tests **positive** for COVID-19 on a Lateral Flow Device (LFD)

Printable guidance for Schools and Colleges



1. Record details

- Ensure any details of the pupil / student are recorded **securely** to protect their privacy.
- They will need to do a **confirmatory PCR test**.



2. Contact parent / legal guardian

Call their **parent or legal guardian** and arrange for the pupil or student to be collected if needed.

Tell them they should take a **confirmatory PCR test**

Find a **quiet space** to talk with the pupil or student, being mindful of the need for social distancing/PPE

A pupil/student in my school / college has tested positive on an LFD test, what do I do now?

5. Reminder to share result of PCR test

Before they go, remind them and /or their parent/carer to let school/college know about the **result of the PCR test** (they will be told via text/email)



3. Provide reassurance

They may be anxious about their health and impact on their family. This is a chance to reassure them:

- For most people, symptoms will last up to 10 days and be mild.
- **There is support available** with learning from home and support for their parents with work and benefits.



4. Offer support

Take steps to ensure that pupils or students can **access remote learning** at home. Remote learning advice: <https://bit.ly/covidhomelearning>

It is really important that they follow **the national guidance** and self isolate for 10 days from the PCR test.

They can **take pride** that they are doing their bit to protect their friends and family and defeat the virus

IMPORTANT: If, at any point, a student, pupil or staff member begins displaying symptoms they must [follow government guidelines](#), [order a PCR test](#) and self-isolate.



Signpost to other advice:

- Support if you're off work while self-isolating: <https://bit.ly/isolatesupport>
- If you're worried about your health, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/> or call 111.
- Remote learning advice: <https://bit.ly/covidhomelearning>
- Printable [action list](#) for schools/colleges for children with symptoms

