

## COVID-related pupil/student absence –

## **Printable Guidance for Parents and Pupils/Students (1/2)**

The guidance below addresses what a positive or negative test result means for your child and your household, and the support available to you.

What happens if **a close contact** of my child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Device?

- They can consent to take part in 'daily contact testing' where they are tested daily for 7 days
- If they test negative, they can remain in school/college that day
- If you or they do not wish to take part, they will need to self-isolate

What if my child tests

negative for COVID-19 on a

Lateral Flow Device?

What do I need to do if my child tests **positive** for COVID-19 on a Lateral Flow Device?

- They will need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the positive result
- Contact the school / college to inform them of the PCR test result which you will receive via text / email
- If the PCR result is positive, your child will need to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days
- You and other members of your household will also have to self-isolate and <u>follow government</u> <u>guidelines</u>
- There will be no need for them to self-isolate and they can remain in school / college as normal
- Social distancing and face coverings where appropriate will remain necessary

How does my child testing positive impact the rest of my household?

- Your household will have to self-isolate for 10 days
- Follow the latest government guidance.

When can my child return to school / college after testing positive for COVID-19?

- Your child can stop self-isolating and return to school / college on day 11 after the positive PCR test if they've not had a high temperature for 48 hours and are well
- They can return then even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks