

Who is being tested and why?

Testing is important because staff, students and pupils without symptoms could be carrying the virus and may spread it to others. Testing staff and students without symptoms will support schools and colleges to operate as safely as possible.

Simple and quick tests, known as Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests, enable us to rapidly test pupils, students and staff, without the need for a laboratory. Secondary schools and colleges have been provided with these test kits to conduct testing on site via an **Asymptomatic Test Site** from January 2021.

We will keep schools and communities safer by working together to:

- 1 Test as many secondary pupils and students on their return to secondary school and colleges.**
- 2 Helping to break chains of transmission by carrying out twice weekly testing (three to five days apart) of both secondary and college students and staff.**

This asymptomatic testing programme does not replace current guidance for those with symptoms or those identified as a close contact of a positive case. Anyone with symptoms, whether they are involved in this programme or not, should book [a free NHS test](#) and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their test are known. Testing also does not replace basic preventative measures such as regular handwashing, PPE and social distancing.

Lateral Flow Testing



 Accessible and easy to use

 No lab required, with fast results

 Safe technology



The testing journey

1

Provide consent



Students, pupils and staff need to provide consent (where required via a parent or guardian.) Consent form is available [here](#).

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Register



Students, pupils and staff register online to participate. This includes the registration of the barcode assigned to the LFD¹ **Note:** this can be done in advance (up to 24 hours in advance of the test) or immediately after the test (up to 24 hours after a test).

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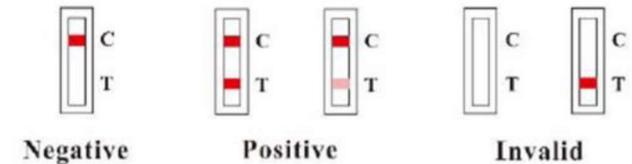
Collect sample



Students, pupils and staff complete a supervised throat and nasal swab test. Guidance is available on support for pupils who cannot self-swab and those with SEND.

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Read the test



The Testing Processor will analyse the result against the manufacturer's instruction for use and interprets result as negative, positive or invalid. The LFD barcode and the result are recorded and submitted¹.

STEPS 7-8 ON THE NEXT SLIDE ARE ONLY REQUIRED IN THE CASE OF A POSITIVE RESULT

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Close contacts

Pupils, students and staff who are close contacts of a positive case are notified and isolate in accordance with government self-isolation guidance

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Report result



Positive result:

Student, pupil or staff member is notified of the result. **They will have to return home and self-isolate**



Negative result:

Log result against LFD test ID. Individual does not have to self-isolate and can attend school or college.

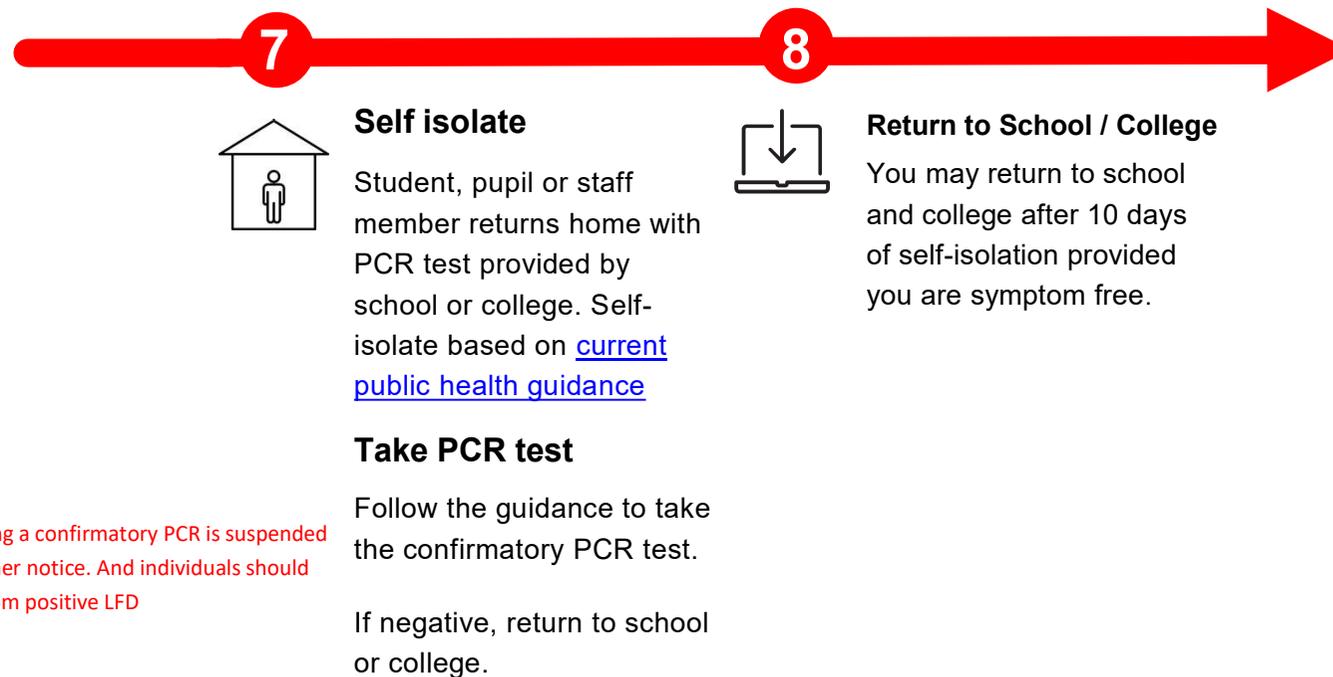


Invalid result:

Student, pupil or member of staff to take a new LFD test – collect new sample.

The testing journey: positive result

For individuals who have returned a positive LFD test, schools and colleges should follow the following steps:



N.B. Taking a confirmatory PCR is suspended until further notice. And individuals should isolate from positive LFD

! If, at any point, a student, pupil or staff member begins displaying symptoms they must follow [government guidelines](#).