

BACK TO SCHOOL: GUIDANCE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CARERS

TESTING

Children in primary school settings do not need to have regular COVID testing.

People living with school aged children can still get tested regularly. Get your Lateral Flow Tests from a local library, pharmacy or by ordering online.

If a child develops symptoms, they must get a PCR test and not go to school.

SELF-ISOLATION

Children under the age of 18 and 6 months who are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 are not required to self-isolate. Close contacts will instead be advised to take a PCR test.

If your child has symptoms or tests positive, they must self isolate for 10 days. Any close contacts they have must also self-isolate if they are required to.

VACCINATIONS

Currently, the Government is not advising children under the age of 12 to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccination is only being offered to 12-15 year olds with underlying health conditions or who are household contacts of the immunosuppressed, and those over the age of 16. Further information is on the GOV.UK website.

FACE COVERINGS & SOCIAL DISTANCING

Schools, colleges and out-of-school settings no longer expected to keep pupils in bubbles or reduce mixing in groups.

You should still wear a face covering and follow social distancing when picking up your child from school. If your child uses school transport, they must wear a face covering while using the service.

OUTBREAK

If there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at your child's school, you will be advised by the school if any changes are being made. It may be that the school begins implementing class bubbles or that face coverings and social distancing is mandatory. These measures may be temporary.

If you have any questions, you should contact your school for further information.

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