

What to do if a pupil/student tests **positive** for COVID-19

Guidance for Schools and Colleges

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

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**.



Do a test at school / college

They may find the **extra PPE** worn by the tester a bit scary, do reassure them it is just an extra precaution.



Take a test kit home

Please check they can **follow the instructions** and know how to do the test and return it in the post.



2. Contact parent / legal guardian

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

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

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 14 days and be mild.
- **There is support available** with learning from home and support for their parents with work and benefits.

5. Reminder to share result of PCR test

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



4. Offer support

Check they can **access remote learning** at home:

- a laptop / internet access
- a quiet space to study

It is really important that they follow **the national guidance** and self isolate:

Pupils/students/staff: 10 Days
Household members: 14 Days

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



There is more detailed advice in the pdf attachment **"What to do if a pupil tests positive"**



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>

