

Please support your school and the steps they are taking to protect your children

Your school may be advised to take extra action to help tackle rising Covid cases. The steps taken will vary from school to school and might include some of the below. Please support them and the measures they put in place.



Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for secondary school pupils



Face coverings for staff when indoors



Parents and carers may also be asked to wear a face covering in crowded areas for example at the school gates



Cancelling large events or moving them outdoors



Postponing indoor 'all school activities' including assemblies



Daily rapid Covid testing for household siblings aged 11 years and over



Rapid Covid testing for household siblings of a confirmed case

Lateral flow testing (LFT) for primary aged children might be advised but will be at the discretion of parents or carers.

Here are the steps you can take to help prevent your child from catching and spreading COVID-19:



Get vaccinated. This remains the best way to protect yourself and your family from the serious affects of COVID-19. If you or your child are eligible for a Covid jab please do not delay in taking up the offer



Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces including public transport



Continue with twice-weekly testing testing for people with no symptoms (everyone aged 11 years and over)



If your child has symptoms of Covid or has tested positive using a lateral flow device get a PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 they must stay at home and isolate for ten days. This means not going to work, school or any other public places. Close contacts of a positive case will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will be advised to take a PCR