

UKHSA SW: Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the Management of COVID-19

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Prevent the spread of all infections by maintaining high standards of hygiene, including hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces.

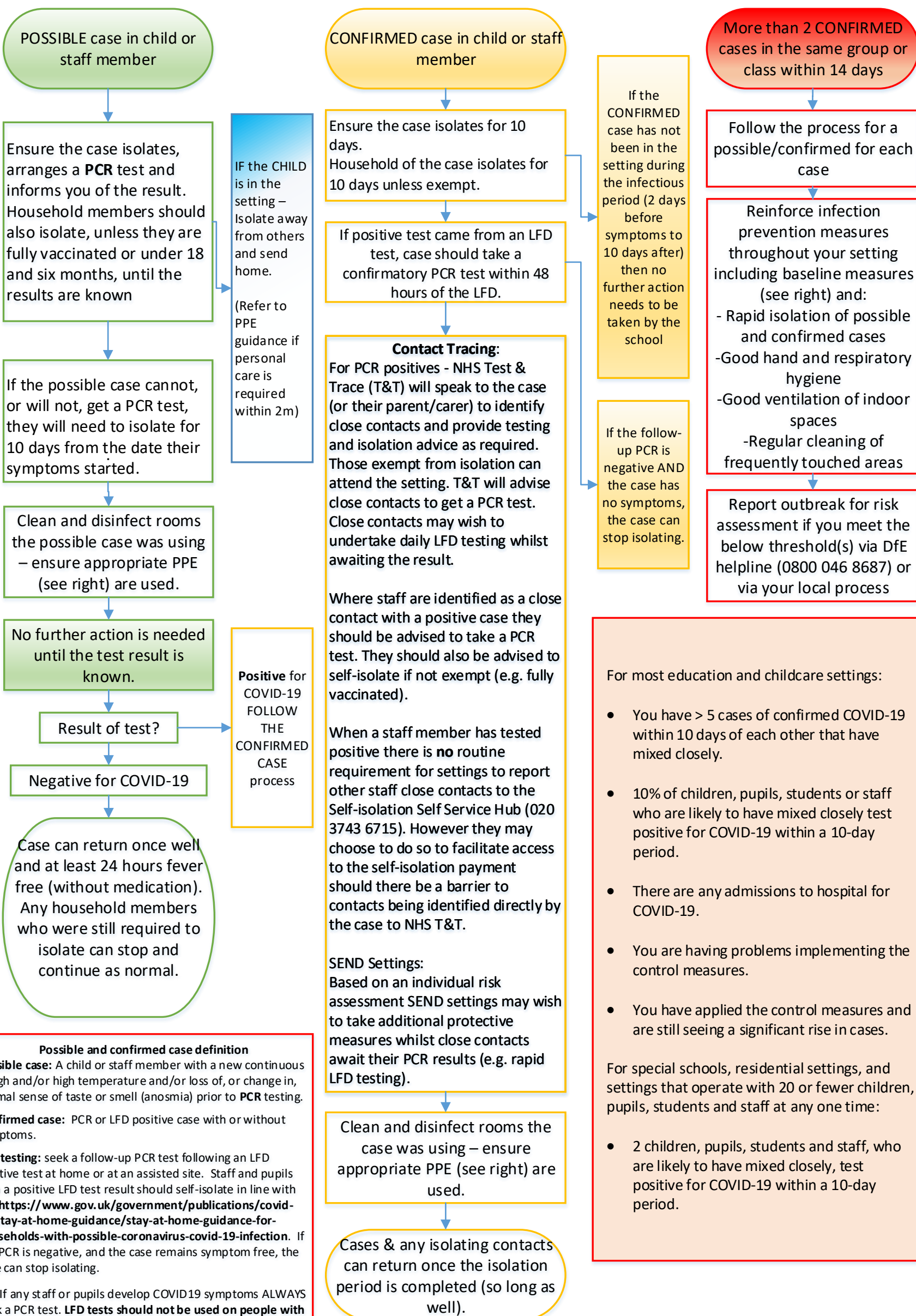
If you have any infection control concerns or questions please call the **Department for Education (DfE) advice line on 0800 046 8687**.

Your local process or the DfE will escalate to the South West Health Protection Team (HPT) as necessary for further risk assessment. Please only call the HPT if they advise you to do so.

GUIDANCE: Visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance#stepping>

FOR TESTING: Visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.

BEFORE USING THE FLOWCHART – PLEASE CHECK THE DEFINITION OF A POSSIBLE AND CONFIRMED CASE – SEE BOX AT BOTTOM OF PAGE



COVID-19 symptom definition:

- high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Infectious Period:

Two days before the onset of symptoms to 10 days after onset.
IF case has no symptoms but a positive test, treat the two days prior to test as the infectious period

Ensure baseline measures and outbreak control measures are in place:

- Regularly review and update risk assessments for proportionate control measures
- Implement a Contingency Plan setting out how the school would operate if additional measures were recommended in their setting to control an outbreak.
- Follow advice on COVID-19 testing in educational settings.
- Follow advice on managing a case of COVID-19 in your setting.
- Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Appropriate use of PPE.
- Ensure good ventilation of indoor spaces.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Deliver strong messaging about signs and symptoms, isolation advice and testing, to support prompt isolation of suspected cases.
- Encourage vaccination uptake for eligible students and staff.

Possible and confirmed case definition

Possible case: A child or staff member with a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) prior to PCR testing.

Confirmed case: PCR or LFD positive case with or without symptoms.

LFD testing: seek a follow-up PCR test following an LFD positive test at home or at an assisted site. Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>. If the PCR is negative, and the case remains symptom free, the case can stop isolating.

NB: If any staff or pupils develop COVID19 symptoms ALWAYS seek a PCR test. LFD tests should not be used on people with symptoms.