



Welcome back to WUFA Pre-School and After School Club,

Over half term there were some changes to the national guidance around testing and isolation. The guidance (as always) is a little confusing and can be misleading especially around isolation periods in educational settings including early years.

We hope the following is clear but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

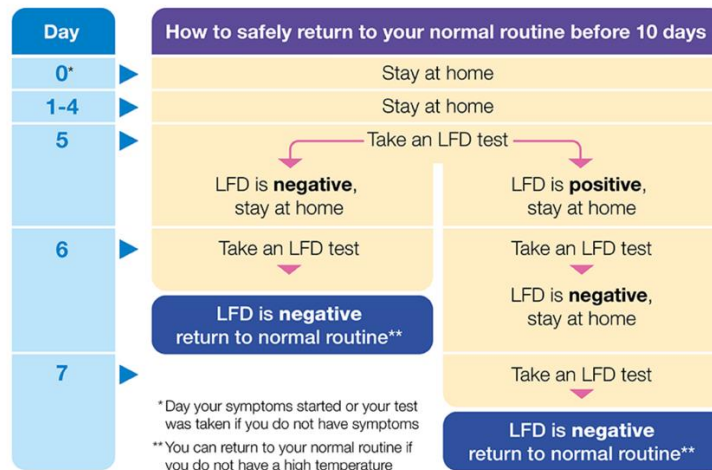
There is now no legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.

However, guidance still states that adults and children who test positive **are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days**, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

Fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 will no longer be required to test daily for 7 days.

Close contacts who are not fully vaccinated also do not have to self-isolate.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results.

Attending an early years setting or school

Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual.

This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

What if my child is clinically vulnerable?

Children and young people previously considered CEV should attend school and should follow the same COVID-19 guidance as the rest of the population.

Do we still have to test our children every week?

Twice-weekly testing in schools is no longer being required but your setting or school may have its own guidance on this.

Do parents and children need to wear face coverings?

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms and communal areas.

Can my child attend nursery or school if they test positive for Covid-19?

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 or tests positive for Covid-19 and you try to send your child in, setting managers do have the right to refuse them entry on the grounds that they need to protect staff and other children.

Working with your early years setting

Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, educators will still be keen to ensure that staff remain Covid-free so they can continue to provide high quality education for children. Therefore, your setting may well continue to keep certain measures in place.

So, despite legal requirements being removed, there is an expectation that parents, carers and early years settings will continue to work together to keep Covid out of educational settings.

The priority for educators is to ensure schools, colleges, childminders and nurseries can remain open and well-staffed so that they can deliver face-to-face, high-quality education and care to all children and young people.

However, if the number of positive cases substantially increases in your nursery or school or the setting is in an enhanced response area, you might be advised that additional measures should be introduced.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>