



Information leaflet from the First Aid Room at King Edward VI School

Please ensure that you read this information fully:

Your child has been sent home ill from school today as they are unwell. Your child has reported to us that they are displaying one or more of the following symptoms which could potentially be a symptom of Covid 19

Your child will need to take a Covid Test and the type of test required depends on the symptoms:

PCR TESTING REQUIRED – Symptoms:

- Temperature or Fever
- Loss of taste or smell
- Persistent Cough

Since this is one of the 3 main Covid Symptoms according to NHS guidance we must ask you to arrange for your child to take a PCR test. **You will need to keep your child at home until you have the results of the PCR Test.** Once you have the results please confirm the results on our school website in the usual way (Essentials/Students/Student Covid-19 Reporting and select PCR test).

You can book a test by going online and searching 'book a covid test' or telephone 119. Alternatively, there is a testing centre in Bury St Edmunds which will do walk in appointments (if they are not busy.) The address of the Centre is Olding Road Depot, West Suffolk House, BSE, IP33 3TA. Hours of opening are 8 AM – 6PM.

LFT TESTING REQUIRED – Symptoms:

Your child has reported to us that they are suffering from one or more of the following symptoms.

- Headache
- Tummy ache, sickness/diarrhoea
- Sore throat
- Runny nose

We are aware that Covid can display in Individuals in this way. Since your child is displaying potential symptoms, you will need to take your child home and carry out a Lateral Flow Test. Once the test has been carried out please report the result through our website.

Results for either LFT or PCR – please read the following:

Negative - If your child is feeling well they may return to school.

Positive - If the test result is positive your child will need to isolate for up to 10 days, subject to the following, taken from the latest Government information:

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

If there is a positive result in the household:

The rules have recently changed, and we have been advised that following a positive result in the household, students who are aged between 4 and 18 years and live in the same house as the positive case can come into school **but they must take a Lateral Flow Test every day before school for seven days**

If students then go on to develop symptoms at any time, they should then isolate again immediately and take a test (The type of test will be dependent on the Symptoms experienced – please refer to the list above). If positive they should isolate immediately.

Reminder: Please ensure that results are reported on our website – **Student-COVID-19 Reporting**
Thank you.

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