Parent COVID-19 factsheet for September 2021.

Please do not send your child to the nursery, childminder or school if they are showing one or more <u>coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms</u>

Please do a lateral flow test.

Anyone with a positive lateral flow test result will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance
- book a further test (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within the 2 days following the positive LFD result, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to school, as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms.

If you insist on your child attending nursery or school when they have symptoms, we can take the decision to refuse your child if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. This decision would in line with advice from public health. You should follow public health advice on <u>when to selfisolate and what to do</u>.

Tracing and self-isolation

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or carers that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.