

**COVID-19  
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AWAY**

# Covid-19 testing guidance for children in Year 6 and below



From 11th Jan, guidance states that primary school age children (year 6 and below) are not required to regularly test, unless they are a contact of a positive case. Anyone who receives a positive lateral flow test result should **report their result on GOV.UK** and must self-isolate immediately, but currently will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

*Lateral flow tests generally shouldn't be used for children under 5 years. Do not use lateral flow tests on anyone displaying symptoms.*

**Showing symptoms (this is day 0)**

**Keep the child at home & tell their early years/  
primary setting.**

**Get a confirmatory PCR test. Call 119 or book a  
test online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)**

**Negative result**

**Positive result**

**Return to early years/primary  
setting if child is well (note:  
you should still make a decision  
as normal about whether your  
child is well enough to return)**

**Day (1-10) self-isolation.**

Anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation 7 days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive 2 negative lateral flow test results, 24 hours apart, on days 6 and 7. The first lateral flow test should not be taken before the sixth day. If any of these tests are positive, they should continue to self-isolate until day 10.

Anyone aged 5 years and over, who has been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 and who is not legally required to self-isolate, is now strongly advised to take a rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days (or until 10 days since their last contact with the person who tested positive if this is earlier).

If you are aged over 18 years and 6 months and are not fully vaccinated and you have been informed by NHS Test and Trace that you are a contact of a person who has had a positive test, you are legally required to stay at home and self-isolate

**Under 5s are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily rapid lateral flow testing.**

**Return to early years/primary setting if child is well**

**You should always record a lateral flow test result, whether positive or negative, via the Gov.uk website**  
For more information visit [surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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