



COVID - 19 Policy

From 1st April, the government advised we move to what they hope will be the final phase where all testing, both symptomatic and asymptomatic has ended for the general public.

Testing will only be available to those individuals who, despite vaccination, are still clinically vulnerable, those people who have been identified and written to with specific instructions and for high risk settings such as care homes of the NHS, which is at a much lower level than previously.

There is a new national guidance for people who have symptoms of respiratory infections including covid-19 and/or a positive test result at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) which includes advice for children attending settings however the key points are:

- children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, mild cough and otherwise well, can continue to attend their setting
- children who are unwell and have a high temperature, 38.3 degrees or more, should stay at home and where possible, avoid contact with others, returning to their setting when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough
- if a child has a positive covid-19 test result, they should stay home and avoid others where possible for 3 days, after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature
- adults with a positive covid-19 test result should try and stay home and avoid contact with others for 5 days
- children who usually go to school or a childcare setting who live with someone who is positive should continue to attend as normal

Management of covid-19 will be in line with how other respiratory viruses such as colds and flu are managed. This means there will be not be any restrictions within the setting and testing for covid-19 is unlikely to be available for outbreaks.

Clearly common sense has to prevail.

Judicious use of Lateral Flow Tests, if obtainable, is advised for someone with symptoms.

The use of face masks will continue to be at your personal choice. Staff can also continue to wear them as a personal choice but asked to be mindful of others if knowingly in the latter stages of a Covid infection (i.e. post 5 days).

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