

## Isolation FAQs for schools and parents

Can the school tell me that my child has to self-isolate?	From the 19 July onwards, NHS T&T will now inform any close contact of a positive case. Schools may still choose to let parents know that a child in the class has tested positive but should not ask other children to self-isolate.
Will NHS T&T ring up the school to find out who the contacts are?	No. NHS T&T should not contact the school to obtain details of anyone.
I have a question about the school and what I need to do when I ring them to tell them my child has tested positive	All enquiries which are school related, and not Trace, should be directed to the DfE Helpline <b>0800 046 8687</b>
Will the school provide NHS T&T with the contact details for individual children/member of staff if I have reported my child as testing positive?	No. The school is not required to contact NHS T&T with this information. NHS T&T will obtain details of close contacts, that the positive case has come into contact with as part of the tracing process.
Do I need to name anyone I was in close contact with but in an outside environment?	Yes, depending on the type of contact, it is possible to spread Covid-19 outdoors.
When my child is back in school, should I tell the school? Should I tell other parents?	You should tell the school when your child tests positive or is identified as a contact, and let them know when their self-isolation period is due to end.
How can it be right that my other children don't need to isolate? Are you sure I should be sending them to school?	<p>Only the person who has been identified as a close contact needs to self isolate, not the rest of the household. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are fully vaccinated</li> <li>• They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months</li> <li>• They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial</li> <li>• They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons</li> </ul> <p>You should arrange for your child to take a PCR test if they develop symptoms, even if they are mild.</p>
Can the school still ask/instruct that a child has a negative PCR result before they can return to school?	<p>A child that has tested positive or has been named as a contact of another child that has tested positive is not required to show proof of a negative test before being allowed to come to school.</p> <p>The child will return to school, following the completion of their period of self-isolation.</p>
If schools are asking about the results of an individual's test result e.g. have they had a negative result	Parents are not required, to share this information with the school (but may choose to).
If my child needs to isolate am I still eligible for the isolation payment support?	No. Under 18s are classed the same as fully vaccinated adults -who do not need to isolate if named as a contact.
If I am a classroom assistant and I did not have any close or proximity contact with the other teacher in my classroom who is a now a case. I was never within 1 metre for more than a minute or within 2 metres from more than 15 minutes.	As 'bubbles' are no longer being used to identify groups to isolate as contacts this would mean the assistant teacher is not a contact of the case.