

Appendix 7a: Lateral flow Device (LFD) testing on site:

Due to the nature and size of our provision it has been decided to operate weekly testing for both staff and learners. We feel due to the session times and building logistics we would be unable to deliver the 7 day serial testing of close contacts in a way that minimises risk of any transmission should a further positive case occur.

In the event of a positive result to the LFD testing:

Staff member:

The staff member will immediately leave the site and will take a confirmatory PCR test. A home testing kit is available for them to take, or they can book a test through the NHS Test and Trace service:

- [book a test \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested)

They and their household should isolate following the guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Learner:

The appointed staff member will leave the site with the learner (weather permitting) and a call will be made to Parents / carers to come and collect them. All parents and carers will have confirmed they will be available to collect immediately if this situation arises.

The learner will be given a PCR home testing kit and told to do this or book a confirmatory PCR test that day.

Due to the size of the centre and the way in which our provision operates, in both cases the site will close and all learners will switch to full remote learning for 10 days after the date of closure to allow those that are deemed close contacts to isolate.

Schools can contact the dedicated advice service introduced by Public Health England (PHE) and delivered by the NHS Business Services Authority. This can be reached by calling the DfE Helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case. Schools will be put through to a team of advisers who will inform them of what action is needed based on the latest public health advice.

The advice service will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. If, following triage, further expert advice is required the adviser will escalate the school's call to the PHE local health protection team.

The advice service (or PHE local health protection team if escalated) will work with schools to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on their advice, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 10 days from the day after contact with the individual tested positive. Close contact means:

- direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)
- proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
- travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

