

Procedure for Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 at WMG Academy

The following process will be followed at WMG Academy Trust in the event of a confirmed case of coronavirus.

Symptomatic – confirmed through PCR tests

When a student or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should be sent home with advice to self-isolate for 10 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. Self-isolation periods may end earlier than 10 days, in line with Appendix A.

Tests can be arranged through the website [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to or by contacting NHS 119 via telephone if they do not have internet access. All staff and students who are attending WMG Academy will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

When a student or staff member tests negative, they can return to the Academy. Please note, only the symptomatic person must self-isolate; the remainder of their household or any close contacts do not need to do so.

Asymptomatic – confirmed through Lateral Flow Device tests

Where a student or member of staff tests positive through a lateral flow device test, this result must be confirmed by a confirmatory PCR test. A confirmatory PCR test must be taken within 48 hours of a positive lateral flow test. The same response will be followed for both symptomatic and asymptomatic confirmed cases.

January 2022 – following a temporary change in UK Government guidelines, a confirmatory PCR is not currently required following a positive Lateral Flow Test. This is a temporary suspension.

Response

Where the following trigger points are met, the Academy will seek advice from the local Public Health team and follow the procedures detailed in the outbreak plan, which is available as Appendix G of the Operational Risk Assessment:

- 5 or more confirmed cases within a year group within 5 days;
- 10 or more student cases across all year groups within 5 days;
- 5 or more staffing cases within 5 days.

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