

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.

When a student or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should be sent home with advice to self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19.

Tests can be arranged through the website [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to or by contacting NHS 111 via telephone if they do not have internet access. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. 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 their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the student or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within WMG Academy should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the student or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

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