

# Schools, Colleges and Early Years Settings September 2021

## Flowchart 1: CASES. What to do if there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in an education setting

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**Pupil or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 at home** (fever > 37.8 OR continuous cough OR loss of taste and / or smell)

### Suspected case, household and support bubble members:

- Suspected case must get tested immediately. In exceptional circumstances schools may provide a [home test kit](#).
- Suspected case, and adults who are not fully vaccinated should [self-isolate](#) until the result of the PCR test result is known
- Under 18 years olds and 18 year olds plus six months do not need to self isolate

**Pupil or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 in setting** (fever > 37.8 OR continuous cough OR loss of taste and / or smell)

### Setting on the day:

- [isolate pupil](#) within the setting until collected.
- Send home suspected case.
- Send home adults close contacts who are not fully vaccinated
- [Clean the area](#) after suspected case has left.
- Inform school transport service where relevant [passenger.transport@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transport@croydon.gov.uk)

### Settings include:

schools, colleges, early years settings and universities

### Staff includes:

teaching, support, catering, transport, office, visiting support staff e.g. therapists, health visiting team, immunisation team.

### PCR Test Negative

- If the test is negative pupil or staff member can return when well
- Non vaccinated close contacts stop isolating

What is the PCR test result?

### PCR Test Positive

#### SETTINGS:

1. For all cases using the template on page three to inform:
  - Croydon Director of Education [shelley.davies@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:shelley.davies@croydon.gov.uk), Director of Public Health [Rachel.flowers@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.flowers@croydon.gov.uk) and [covid19@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:covid19@croydon.gov.uk)
  - Your school link advisor or Early years contact - [child.care@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:child.care@croydon.gov.uk)
2. Any concerns contact DfE for advice on 0800 046 8687
3. Special schools should contact LCRC for all cases
4. If you have had two cases or more please follow Flow Chart 2.

### Key Infection control and outbreak management points – See here for [FAQs](#) and Appendix A for more detail

#### Contingency plans

- Update the risk assessments and contingency plans for when threshold levels are reached

#### LFD Testing twice weekly ([See here](#))

- It is strongly recommended that all staff and secondary school pupils two weekly LFD testing. (LFD testing is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged)
- Staff and children with a positive LFD should self isolate and must have a PCR test within two days.

#### Face coverings

- The Director of Public Health, Rachel Flowers, strongly recommends that as a minimum staff and pupils in secondary schools wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas

#### Handwashing

- Frequent handwashing is as important as ever

#### Ventilation

- Keep all spaces well ventilated

#### Cleaning

- Keep to the same enhanced cleaning regimes

#### Vaccination

- Encourage staff and eligible pupils to get vaccinated

#### CONFIRMED CASES:

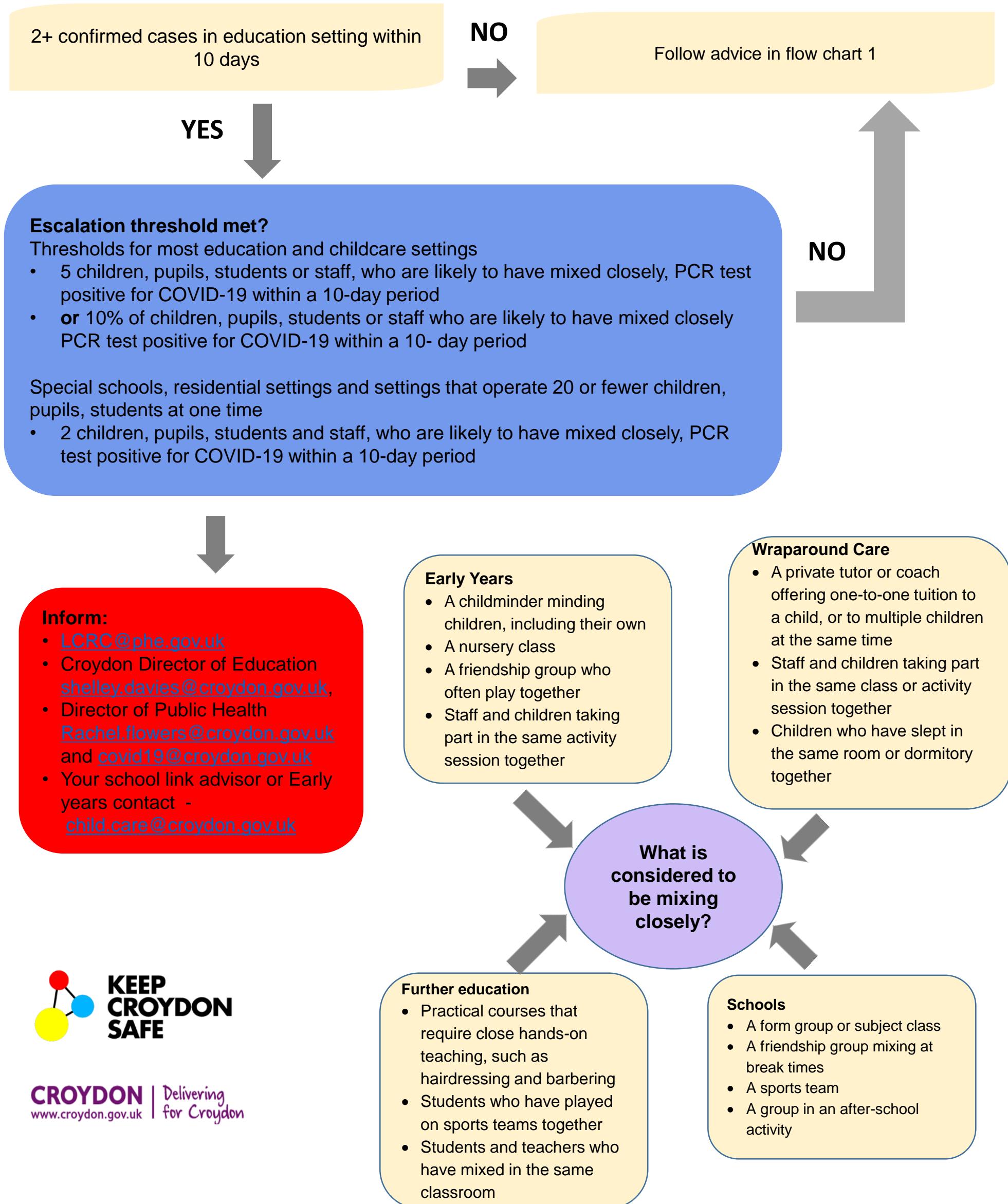
- [Must complete](#) 10 days self-isolation.
- After 10 days, if well pupil or staff member can return to the education setting.
- **Unvaccinated close contacts** must complete 10 days self-isolation.
- After 10 days unvaccinated close contacts can return if well and no one in their household has COVID-19 symptoms



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## Flowchart 2: 2 or more confirmed COVID-19 cases in an education setting

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EDUCATION SETTING: REPORT OF POSITIVE CASE(S) OF COVID-19 Email template to complete with each new email report			
Setting Name			
Number of cases	Staff Number and roles	Pupils Number	
Total number of Positive Tests(s) Date of positive test if possible			
Number of positive test(s) using LFD			
Number of positive test(s) using PCR Please state if any are confirmatory PCRs following a positive LFD			
The year groups of the positive cases and rough number of children			
Advice needed from Public Health	Yes	No	
Please report to: Shelley Davies <a href="mailto:shelley.davies@croydon.gov.uk">shelley.davies@croydon.gov.uk</a> – Director of Education Rachel Flowers <a href="mailto:Rachel.flowers@croydon.gov.uk">Rachel.flowers@croydon.gov.uk</a> – Director of Public Health COVID-19 <a href="mailto:covid19@croydon.gov.uk">covid19@croydon.gov.uk</a> Public Health Team Education <a href="mailto:educationenquiries@croydon.gov.uk">educationenquiries@croydon.gov.uk</a> – Education Team Your early years contact <a href="mailto:child.care@croydon.gov.uk">child.care@croydon.gov.uk</a>			