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FAQs for parents

Will information about me or my child be shared with NHS/Public Health upon their request?

If you or your child undertakes a free NHS test for coronavirus then personal data will be held within the NHS Test and Trace service. The service is operated by the NHS and includes public health protection teams in local Councils. If you or your child has tested positive for coronavirus then this information will also be held within the NHS Test and Trace service.

As an adult, if you test positive for coronavirus you will be contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service who will ask you to share information about any close contacts you had just before or after you developed symptoms. This is vital if we are to stop the spread of the virus.

Where a child of school age tests positive for coronavirus then information may be shared with the school by the NHS Test and Trace service to enable the school to identify people who need to follow the [Self Isolation Guidance](#). Information about a positive test result will not be shared by the school with anyone unless it is essential to protect others. This will be done by exception on a case by case basis.

Where the schools is notified of a positive test result it will also receive advice and guidance from the public health protection team about how to determine who may be affected and who must be sent home and not attend school. This applies to everyone at school including pupils, teachers and other people who have attended school and may have had close contact with the infected person. Personal data such as name and contact information may be shared with the public health protection team if it is considered necessary to enable them to contact people to advise them of the need to self isolate in accordance with the [Self Isolation Guidance](#). This is to safeguard the health and safety of people in school and to protect members of the public to stop the spread of the virus.

