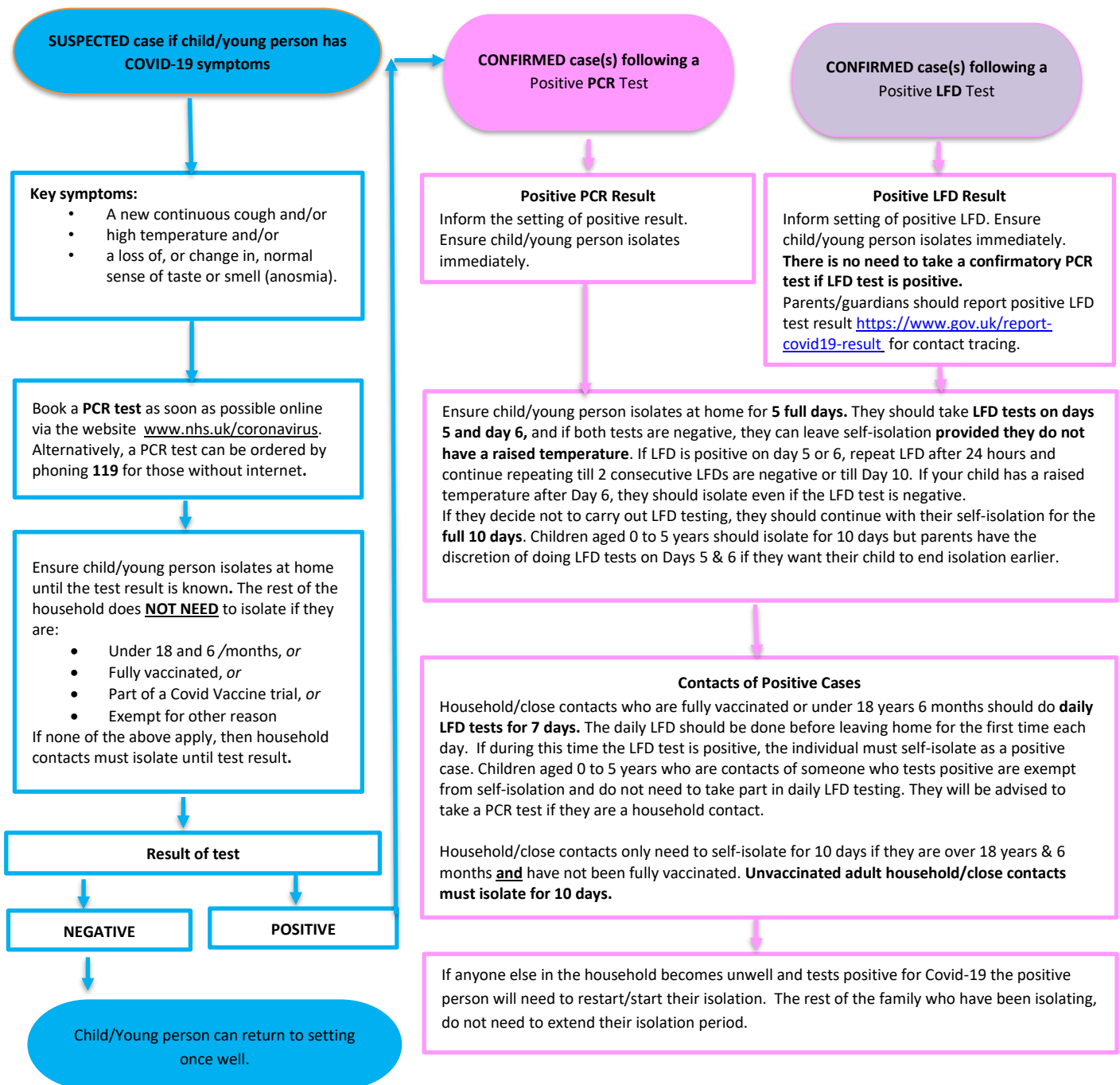


For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a child/young person please follow the flow chart below



- **With the emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron Variant, we continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face coverings (if aged 11 and over) in crowded public indoor areas, maintain distance, get vaccinated and take LFD tests prior to meeting people outside your household.**
- **Face coverings are to be worn by everyone over the age of 11yrs unless exempt on transport to and from educational settings.**
- **Secondary school pupils to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal areas.**
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available within 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result within the last 90 days and you are identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 you should not take a PCR test. You should only take a PCR test if you develop any NEW symptoms of Covid-19.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms always book a PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They are not recommended for children under 5 years of age but can be used at parent/guardian discretion.
- If you have had a Covid-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing, use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test. Always follow the instructions on the pack as there are different types of LFD tests.

From 17 January 2022, a person with COVID-19 (a case) may take an LFD test on the fifth and sixth days of their isolation period. If both these LFD test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they will be able to end their self-isolation after the second negative test result. The LFD tests must be taken on consecutive days but the guidance no longer stipulates that these tests should be taken at least 24 hours apart. For example, if symptoms started at any time on the 15th of the month (or if the case was asymptomatic but their first positive COVID-19 test was taken on the 15th), they may take two daily LFD tests from the 20th. If LFD test results are negative on the 20th and 21st, and they do not have a high temperature, then the case will be able to end their isolation period after the negative test result on the 21st.