

### **Financial support if you or your child are required to self-isolate**

If you are on a low income and will lose earnings because you have to take time off work to care for your child who is self-isolating due to having come into contact with someone who tested positive with Covid-19, you may be entitled to a £500 payment.

Test and Trace Support Payments are available to people who meet the following criteria:

- You are a parent, carer or guardian of a child who lives in your household and has been notified that they are required to self-isolate, either
  - because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive with Covid-19, or
  - they tested positive using a lateral flow test and are self-isolating while they wait for the results from a PCR test
- The child or young person must be age 15 or under, or age 16-25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan
- Awards are limited to one per household for each period of self-isolation
- You must be employed or self-employed, need to take time off work to care for the child or young person, and will lose earnings because you are unable to work from home. There must be no one else in the household who is not in work who could care for your child
- You must also be
  - in receipt of, or live with a partner who is in receipt of, a means tested benefit (Universal Credit, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Income Support, Employment Support (Income Related), Working Tax Credit or Housing Benefit), or
  - on a low income and will face financial hardship due to the loss of income

You may also be entitled to a payment if you have been asked to self-isolate and meet the above income criteria. For example, if your child tests positive for Covid-19 and you and your partner must self-isolate, you could both receive a £500 payment if you meet the criteria.

To apply for a payment, you must apply within 42 days of the first day of self-isolation. More information on Test and Trace Support Payments including how to apply is available online

[www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment](https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment)