

Friday 26 March 2021

Re: Confirmed case of COVID-19 at your child's school.

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

A person has tested positive for COVID-19 in your child's school. A public health risk assessment has been carried out.

Your child is <u>not</u> a close contact

What does your child need to do?

- Your child does not need to restrict their movements.
- Your child can go to school
- Your child does not need to be tested for COVID-19

What do household members need to do?

Household members, such as parents and siblings do not have to restrict their movements and can go to school/crèche/work/college etc.

What if my child becomes unwell now or at any time in the future?

If your child becomes unwell with any of the following:

Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more New cough

Loss or changed sense of taste or smell Shortness of breath

Sore throat Headaches
Diarrhoea Vomiting

An existing breathing condition that has become worse

- Your child should be **isolated** immediately
- Phone your GP for further advice.
- If your GP refers your child for a Covid test (because of their symptoms), all
 household members including siblings should <u>now</u> also be kept at home and
 restrict their movements while awaiting the results of this test.

Public Health has advised the parents of all children deemed to be close contacts of the confirmed case. Thank you for following this advice. These actions help stop the spread of the virus.

Further information on COVID-19 is available at: www.hse.ie and www.hpsc.ie or you can phone HSELive at 1850 24 1850.

Yours faithfully,

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