

## **What happens if a child or member of staff is diagnosed with Covid-19?**

1. If a child or adult in the school is diagnosed with Covid-19, the HSE contact tracing process will be started.
2. Contact tracing is used to identify children or staff who were in close contact with someone who has coronavirus.
3. A close contact is defined by the HSE as someone who has spent more than 15 minutes of face-to-face contact within 2 metres of an infected person in any setting. The HSE will decide who is a close contact based on information provided by the school.
4. The school has a list of all the pupils and their parents' mobile numbers ready for sharing with the HSE if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 in any classroom. This will be done in the strictest confidence.
5. If there is a confirmed case, the HSE will contact the school and will also contact the parents/guardians directly. This will be done by phone.
6. The HSE will arrange a test for any close contacts and advise you to restrict your movements.
7. The HSE will also send a letter through the school to all other parents/guardians in the school. No individual with a confirmed diagnosis of Covid-19 will be identified to any other person.
8. The school will remain open unless there is clear public health advice that it should close.
9. St. Conaire's NS will follow the advice of the Chief Medical Officer who stated on March 10<sup>th</sup> that "Public health authorities will contact schools if there is any action to be taken in relation to your school and students. You should not take any unilateral action."

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