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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Education Authority has produced a flowchart, overleaf, outlining steps to be taken by adults and children who have Covid 19 symptoms or are identified as a close contact of a Covid positive case. Everyone must play their part in keeping children, staff, parents and the wider community safe.

In keeping with Covid 19 guidance and normal Health and Safety procedures, please note the following points:

- Children must not attend school if they are unwell. They should only return when they have fully recovered from their illness
- Children must not attend school if they have any Covid 19 symptoms. If your child has symptoms of Covid 19, book a PCR test, await results and inform the school of the outcome. As for any illness, children should only return to school when they are well, even if testing negative for Covid 19.
- Children presenting with Covid 19 symptoms during the school day will be isolated from the class bubble. Parents/Guardians will be contacted to take their child home and advised to book a PCR test as soon as possible.
- Children identified as a Close Contact must follow the steps detailed in the HSC flowchart overleaf.

A Close Contact of a confirmed case of COVID 19 is anyone who meets any of the following criteria from 2 days before the Confirmed Case of COVID 19 was symptomatic/received a positive test result to 10 days after the onset of symptoms (i.e. the infectious period):

- lives in the same household
- has been within one metre and had face-to-face contact (including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation) or skin-to-skin contact
- been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)
- has travelled in a car with the positive case

In our school, all children in a class bubble would be considered a close contact.

If your child must self-isolate, work will be provided in line with that being completed in class.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Duffin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Henry Duffin (Principal)

# Guidance Flowchart for Close Contacts of a Covid case in a school setting 19/08/2021

