**CONFIRMED** **CASE** **OF** **COVID-19** **IN** **P3/4** **SETTING** **–** **INFORMATION** **FOR PARENTS** **AND** **STAFF**

Where a case of confirmed COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has been reported in a person with links to a school setting, **all close contacts of the case who need to take specific actions**with regard to testing and self-isolation will be identified, contacted and advised by the**Public Health Agency (PHA) Contact Tracing Service and not by the School.**

**If you are not contacted by PHA your child should return to school as normal.**

If you are contacted by PHA Contact Tracing Service, please follow the guidance that they provide to you. Information on the latest self-isolation requirements can be found on NI Direct [(https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating)](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating). **The** **advice** **on** **what** **to** **do** **if** **a** **close** **contact** **changed** **on** **16th** **August 2021.**

**What** **to** **do** **if** **your** **child** **develops** **symptoms** **of** **COVID** **19**

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

•new continuous cough and/or

•high temperature and/or

•a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please book a free PCR test, **even** **if** **an** **earlier** **one** **was** **negative**. Your child should stay at home and self-isolate until you receive the result. Please see [Coronavirus (COVID-19): self-isolating | nidirect](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating)for guidance on whether other people in your household also need to self-isolate while you are waiting for your child’s PCR result.

Tests can be arranged at your closest testing site or by requesting a postal kit which will be sent to your home address. You can choose whichever option is more convenient for you. Going for a COVID test is one of the reasons your child can leave home during the self-isolation period, however, they should not use public transport. Please order a postal test if you do not have private transport to a test site.

**How** **to** **stop** **COVID-19** **spreading**

 There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

•**Please** **get** **vaccinated** **if** **you** **are** **eligible** **and** **haven’t** **already** **done** **so**

•wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20seconds •use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available

•wash your hands as soon as you get home

•cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze

•put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

**Further** **information**

 For further information, please see the NI Direct website [Coronavirus (COVID-19):self-isolating | nidirect](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating)the Public Health Agency website <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus>or contact NHS 111. If your child feels unwell and you are worried about their symptoms or about anyone else in the home, please contact your GP.