

**Dear parents/guardians/students:**

The following advice comes from a letter to schools from Dr A Collins, Consultant in public health medicine and Dr K Kelleher, Assistant National Director Public Health and Child Health.

**Consult your own GP also.**

- Do not attend school if you feel unwell or have any symptoms of Covid 19. Take a precautionary approach and contact your G.P if you have any concerns
- If you have been tested and receive a Covid positive result follow all HSE advice regarding isolation. You will be told by the HSE when you can stop isolating and you may then return to school. A return to work form needs to be filled out. This is available on our website.
- If you have been identified by the HSE as a **close contact** you need to restrict your movements at home and will be offered a test as soon as possible after you have been identified and then at day 10. Once you are asymptomatic and have received a 'not detected' test result from the HSE day 10 test, you can return to school (day 11). A return to work form needs to be filled out prior to return. This is available on our website.
- **If fully vaccinated** you will be contacted by the HSE, your vaccination status will be determined and you will be informed that you no longer need to restrict movements. In this case you will be able to attend school. It is important that anyone who would have been a close contact is aware of symptoms and isolate and undergo testing .
- If anyone tests positive for Covid 19, then they are managed as a case of Covid 19. Note where a close contact of a positive case is identified, the siblings of these close contacts do not require routine exclusion and therefore can still attend school, unless they have been determined by the HSE to be a close contact.
- If a case of Covid 19 was in the school during the infectious period, the HSE will identify any close contacts and schools will be contacted.