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Management of Positive COVID Cases in School

Amended on 6th September 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carers,

We have slightly amended our Management of a positive COVID case in school process based on experiences from last Friday when we had our first confirmed case in school this academic year. This letter also includes a timeline of events based on this experience and following PHA consultation.

A 'close contact' within Coagh Primary School is any pupil within the class bubble when a pupil/staff member tests positive for COVID.

Please take a few minutes to carefully read this letter.

Management Diagram for Coagh Primary School (6th September 2021)

Day 0- PCR Test is taken by Pupil A.

Day 1- Pupil A. receives a POSITIVE test result.

Parents are notified that there is a positive case of COVID in the class and that their child is a close contact.

Pre-9am notification: CLASS CLOSED for all pupils and staff in that bubble.

Notification after 9am: Class will close immediately and parents will be required to collect their children as soon as possible once contacted by school.

All members of the class bubble should book PCR tests immediately for the following day and for Day 8.

All members of the class bubble need to isolate until test result.

Day 2- **CLASS IS CLOSED** for all pupils and staff who were identified as close contacts.

All members of the class bubble take a PCR test.

Teacher will provide **remote learning via Seesaw.**

All members of the class bubble continue to isolate and stay away from school.

Day 3- **CLASS RE-OPENS**

Pupils can return to school if they have received a NEGATIVE PCR test result.

The negative result can 'logged' in form of a 'screen shot' or by responding to the activity with 'PCR test was negative' to your child's Seesaw account (An activity will be allocated for you to upload this result).

If PCR test is POSITIVE, then the child/staff member should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms or from date of the test if asymptomatic.

If your child does not take a PCR test or 'log' the negative result in form of a screenshot or response on Seesaw, then they should isolate and cannot return to their class bubble until Day 10 of this management diagram.

Days 4-7- Class is open as usual for all pupils who have received negative PCR test results which have been forwarded via Seesaw to their class teacher. These pupils can come to school unless they develop symptoms, at which point they should isolate immediately and notify the school.

Should a pupil develop symptoms or test positive during Days 4-7, the 'clock' will reset for those pupils who are identified as close contacts and the management process returns to Day 1 of this diagram.

Day 8- If there are no new positive cases during Days 4-7, all remaining pupils must take their Day 8 PCR test. The class will remain **OPEN** during day 8 and pupils can return to school once their test has been undertaken.

Day 9- The negative result from Day 8 Test can 'logged' in form of a 'screen shot' or by responding to the activity with 'PCR test was negative' to your child's Seesaw account (An activity will be allocated for you to upload this result).

If the PCR Test is POSITIVE, then that pupil should isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or from the date of test if asymptomatic. This will 'reset the clock' for the new close contacts identified and return them to Day 1 of this management process.

Day 10- **CLASS IS OPEN AS USUAL** for all those who have continued to test Negative. **Any pupils who did not take a PCR Test on Day 2 or log a negative result via Seesaw can now return to school.**

*If your child has had a positive PCR Test Result in the last 90 days and they are not currently displaying any COVID symptoms then they do not need to book any PCR Tests and they can come to school as normal throughout this process. *

Remote teaching arrangements for classes which have a confirmed COVID case.

Teaching Staff will provide 'Remote Learning' via Seesaw on Day 2 of this management Process.

A short summary of what the class are doing will be uploaded to Seesaw for any pupil who is isolating due to a POSITIVE result or for those pupils unable to return to school until Day 10 because they have not taken a PCR test and forwarded the NEGATIVE result to school. This summary will not be as 'detailed' and might not be scheduled for 9am each day because the teaching staff will be teaching the class and are unable to provide both in class teaching and remote learning effectively.

Below is an example timeline for a COVID case in school

Child A comes to school on Monday 1st and then feels unwell that evening.

Parents book a PCR test for Tuesday 2nd and keep Child A off school.

Child A receives a Positive Test result on Wednesday 3rd or Thursday 4th and inform school.

School contacts PHA and the advice is that anyone identified as a close contact of Child A up to 48 hours before Monday 1st which was the last day in school for Child A and also the day they developed symptoms. This being the case all close contacts of Child A during Saturday, Sunday and Monday need to isolate and book PCR tests. As a school we will inform all pupils within that class bubble who were in school on Monday 1st to book a PCR test and stay off school until result comes back negative.

All pupils in affected class stay at home or are collected from school need book a PCR Test (Day 2) ASAP and inform school of test result.

Pupils with negative result can return to school as soon as result arrives.

All pupils not taking a PCR Test or 'logging' a negative result need to isolate until Thursday 10th.

All pupils should Book a PCR Test for Day 8 (Tuesday 8th) which is 8 days after last contact with Child A. This test can be a postal one. Pupils can continue to come to school on days 8 and 9.

Pupils can upload/log results of test from Day 8 and continue to come to school. If results from day 8 test aren't back yet pupils can still come to school and then upload/log result when it arrives.

Any pupils who were isolating or didn't book at PCR Test on day 2 can return to school on Thursday 10th.

Whilst still disruptive, we are hopeful that this approach will mean pupils need to be out of school for less time than during the last academic year.

We are very conscious that COVID numbers across NI are still high so **if your child is symptomatic at all, or has been identified as a close contact, please do not send them to school. Isolate them, <u>notify us and book a PCR test immediately</u>.**

All arrangements will be kept under review and any changes will be communicated to you as and when appropriate and/or necessary. If you have any other queries or questions that have not been answered through the information provided, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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