
SPC COVID-19 INFORMATION

When should a student stay at home?

In accordance with HSE and Department of Education guidelines you should not send your child to school if your child has any ONE of the following:

- a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- any other common symptoms of coronavirus - a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath
- been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus
- been living with someone who is unwell and may have coronavirus
- an existing breathing condition that has recently got worse

Please phone your doctor and follow guidance on self-isolation. Your doctor will advise whether COVID-19 testing is required and will arrange testing if necessary.

A student who comes into Ireland from locations other than those with a rating of 'normal precautions' ("green"), must restrict their movements for 14 days. The school has a duty of care to all of its pupils and staff members. If a school has reasonable grounds for believing that its duty of care toward its staff and pupils is being undermined in circumstances where a person – staff member or pupil - has not observed the mandatory requirement to restrict movements for 14 days following return from a non-green list country, it is reasonable for the school to refuse access to the pupil or staff member during this period.

Please contact the school and inform them that the student is absent from school for Covid-19 related issues. This will allow us to inform their teachers so work can be assigned as appropriate.

If a student is unwell, but not showing symptoms of Covid-19, a common sense approach should apply in deciding if they should or should not attend school.

What happens if a student develops symptoms of Covid-19 in school?

If a student develops symptoms of Covid-19 in school (persistent cough, fever, shortness of breath and/or change to sense of taste and smell) they will immediately be sent to an isolation room.

Parents/Guardians will be contacted and arrangement should be made to get the student off school premises ASAP. A student who takes public transport, may not do so under these circumstances so alternative arrangement will have to be made.

When can a student return to school?

A student who has been absent from school, or sent home from school for Covid-19 related reasons can return to school when they have completed ALL of the following:

- (i) Received a negative Covid-19 test if advised to get one by GP or HSE
- (ii) Have been 48 hours' symptom free
- (iii) Filled out the 'Student Return to School Form'. To receive this form you must contact the school office.

Accessing school work when off school for Covid-19 related reasons.

A student who is absent from school for Covid-19 related reasons will receive work from their teachers using one of the many platforms available through their school email. It is the students' responsibility to regularly check email, teams, OneNote etc. to keep up to date with the work that is ongoing during their absence.