



What will happen if a child shows Covid-19 Symptoms in the School

If a pupil displays symptoms of COVID-19 while at school the following are the procedures to be implemented:

- The principal will be notified immediately via the red card system for dealing with emergencies. This is a system that we have always has in operation for emergencies.
 - A child from the classroom will be sent to the principal's office with a red card. Each class teacher has been given a red card with their name on the back of it. Principal will know to proceed to that classroom where there will be child showing symptoms. At this stage class teacher will have the child's temperature checked in order to provide this info to the Principal and then the parents.
 - The parents/guardians will be contacted immediately.
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- The person will be accompanied by the LWR (Ms. O' Neill) to the isolation area. Staff will always remain at least 2metres from the child . **The isolation area is located in the kitchen area at the back of General-Purpose Hall separated by room dividers.**
 - A mask will be provided for the person presenting with symptoms. He/she will wear the mask until he/she is collected by parents/guardians or has left the school building.

- We will assess whether the child who is displaying symptoms can immediately be directed to go home/be brought home by parents who will call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home –
- We will facilitate the child presenting with symptoms remaining in isolation if they cannot immediately go home.
- The child will be advised to avoid touching people, surfaces, and objects.
- Advice will be given to the person presenting with symptoms to cover their mouth and nose with the disposable tissue provided when they cough or sneeze and put the tissue in the waste bag provided.
- If they are too unwell to go home or advice is required, we will call 999 or 112 and inform them that the sick person is a Covid-19 suspect.
- Carry out an assessment of the incident which will form part of determining follow-up actions and recovery.
- Arrange for appropriate cleaning of the isolation area and work areas involved.
- Once the child has gone home, the remaining pupils of the class will be moved to the outside for PE lesson or to any available space which does not require cleaning.
- This will facilitate the thorough cleaning, disinfection & ventilation of the classroom (class teacher)
- Any other rooms that the pupil has used that day (SEN rooms, STEAM room, GP) will also be cleaned, disinfected & ventilated. Teachers and pupils will return to these rooms

once they are ready.

- Should the child receive a positive test result for Covid-19, the HSE will commence contact tracing and will inform close contacts immediately.
- We ask parents to communicate with the school regarding the situation.
- **At all times confidentiality is of upmost importance regarding a suspected case.**
- Once the child/ staff member is well, followed the advise from HSE around isolation periods, we ask parents to complete the “Return to Education Facility Parental Declaration Form” available to download from our school website (www.lackennationalschool.com) or if unable to download an email to scoilmhuirelacken@gmail.com to the same effect.

Best regards,

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Principal.