



COVID Update: May 2022

Public Health Headlines for Schools and Early Year settings

Symptomatic and asymptomatic testing (PCR and LFT) will cease for the majority of the population, with the exception of a number of settings.

- People with respiratory symptoms (including COVID-19 symptoms) should stay at home, avoid contact with others and return to normal activities when well enough and don't have a temperature.
- For schools and early years settings this means that children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- For adults testing positive for COVID-19 (some people will still have LFT kits available), they should stay at home **for 5 days** (remembering day 0 is day of onset of symptoms/day of test if no symptoms) and avoid contact with others. They should then return to normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.
- For children testing positive for COVID-19 (under 18 years old), **they should stay at home for 3 days** and avoid contact with others. They should then return to school and normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.

The mainstay of COVID-19 advice for the general public will remain as:

- wear a mask/face covering in enclosed spaces
- keep indoor spaces ventilated
- stay away from others if you have any symptoms of a respiratory illness, including COVID
- vaccination remains the best way to protect us all from severe disease and hospitalisation due to COVID infection

If we have high numbers of staff/children unwell with respiratory symptoms but we are not clear if it is or isn't COVID-19, we will keep parents informed as we would usually have done during the pandemic.

Remote learning is available for children who are off school due to COVID but are fit to learn.

Face Masks

There is no longer a requirement to wear a mask when coming on the school site. We will continue to operate our drop off and pick up procedures including our one-way system.