What to do if there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in college: Sept 2021

ALL CASES OF COVID-19 WHETHER SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED MUST BE REPORTED TO MELISSA EDWARDS (EXT 6089)

Scenario 1: Student or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 (fever>37.8 OR new continuous cough OR loss of taste and / or smell) whilst at home

Staff member to advise HR via Absence line. Student to advise the Attendance Officer College to advise that member of staff or student should:

- not return to school for at least 10 days and should follow guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.
 - Take a PCR test as soon as symptoms start viathe NHS testing website or calling

Student to advise the Attendance Officer

They must be sent home and advised to follow the

guidance for households with possible coronavirus

If a child is awaiting collection, the college should be

College to follow scenario 2 above. If confirmatory PCR

test is negative, the individual and any close contacts

identified by NHS Test and Trace can return to college.

taken to Room 001 until parent/ quardian arrives

Staff member to advise HR

Scenario 2: Student or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 (fever > 37.8 OR new continuous cough OR loss of taste and / or smell) whilst at college

Scenario 3: Student or staff tests positiveas part of asymptomatic testing in college

Scenario 4: Staff member is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (but does not live in the same household) AND has been identified via NHS test and trace AND has been told to self-isolate AND does not meet the close contact self-isolation exemptions

Staff member to advise HR

The staff member must stay at home and not come into college, and should follow guidance for contacts of people with possibleor confirmed coronavirus who do not live with the person, including selfisolating for 10 days and getting YES

Does a student or staff member develop symptoms in the next 10 days?

No further action - after 10 days the student or staff member can return to college

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT ACTION

NEGATIVE COVID-19 **TEST RESULT**

Staff members or students can return to college as long as they are not required to self-isolate because they have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace (see self-isolation exemptions below).



Staff member or student should be advised to self-isolate for a period of 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the date of confirmation, if asymptomatic

Close Contact Self-Isolation Exemptions:

Individuals are **not** required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 4 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Close Mixing Examples:

- For the college, this could include:
 A subject group or tutor group
 a friendship group mixing at break times
- ∙a sports team
- a group in an after-college activity

For out-of-college settings, this could include:

- a private tutor or coach offering one-toone tuition to achild, or to multiple children at the same time
- staff and students taking part in the same class or activity session together

For early years, this could include:

- childminders working together on the same site
- a nursery class
- a friendship group who often play
- staff and children taking part in the same activity session together



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