

### **Self- Isolation or Restricted Movement of Pupil /Staff Member upon *Developing Symptoms***

Once a pupil / staff member becomes a suspected case of Covid-19 (i.e. he/she has been assessed by GP and has been referred for testing due to symptoms consistent with Covid-19), he/she must begin to *self- isolate*.

Parents and siblings of suspected case / children of staff members are asked to *restrict their movements* and not attend the school setting.

Self isolation/restricted movement of all members of the same household continues if suspected case

- is awaiting test
- is awaiting test result
- receives a positive result for coronavirus

If the suspected case receives a negative/ not detected result, he/she must wait until he/she feels well and is symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to the school setting.

Household contacts are no longer required to restrict their movements when suspected case receives negative result i.e. they can return to the school setting.

### **Self-isolation or Restricted Movement of Pupil /Staff Member upon Identification as a *Close Contact of a Confirmed Case of Covid-19***

Once a pupil /staff member has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19, he/she will be asked to restrict their movements for the full 14 days, even if their Covid-19 test is negative.

The family members of the pupil /staff member deemed to be a close contact of a confirmed case **do not** need to restrict their movements **unless** the pupil /staff member receives a positive test result and/or develops symptoms consistent with Covid-19. Then all household contacts of that pupil/staff member **will** be asked to restrict their movements for 14 days as per HSE guidelines.

### **Confirmed Case of Covid-19 in the School Setting**

If the school is informed of a positive case of Covid-19 of a pupil /staff member, the Department of Public Health will carry out a Public Health Risk Assessment. The outcome of this assessment will determine the actions to be taken by the school.

If deemed necessary, the Principal will be asked to

- contact parents/guardians of the pupils who are determined by Public Health to be 'close contacts' – parents of these pupils will be asked to collect them from school as soon as is safely and practicably possible so they can begin restricting their movements for 14 days
- contact any staff member determined by Public health to be a 'close contact-- the staff member/s will be asked to go home and begin to restrict movement for 14 days