

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our Secondary School?

Did the positive student/staff member attend school during the infectious period: 2 days before symptom onset (or test date if asymptomatic) to 10 days after?

NO – no further action required by school beyond supporting student(s) as necessary during self-isolation

YES – school carries out an on-site risk assessment using checklist

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- Case should already be isolating at home. They should remain in isolation until 10 days have passed from symptom onset.
- The case's household (including siblings that attend other settings) should isolate for **10 days**

The school carries out on-site risk assessment to identify potential contacts during this period at:

-  • Large/small group sessions
-  • Additional on-site/ academic activities e.g. clubs/societies
-  • Events and trips

To identify contacts, use the risk **assessment checklist**, and:

-  • Attendance records, Seating plans and charts (if available).
-  • Speak to student (as necessary)

- Contacts are informed to self-isolate for **10 days** from date of last contact with template letters to parents and staff (appendix D)
- The **wider school** is sent an inform and advise letter (appendix C)
- Inform your Local Authority of the situation

Who is a direct contact?

Direct close contacts:



- Direct face-to-face e.g. being coughed on or spoken to contact for any length of time OR within <1 metre for ≥ 1 minute.



Proximity contacts:

- <2 m for 15 minutes.



Travel contacts:

- Close contact within a vehicle/plane eg shared a car journey

If any of the following criteria are met, contact the **SE HPT**

- 5 or more students are affected in a single school year within 14 days*
 - $\geq 10\%$ of a bubble is affected within 14 days
 - $\geq 10\%$ of staff are affected within 14 days
 - ≥ 3 bubbles are affected
 - There have been any hospitalisations
 - **Your school is a SEND school**
 - 2 or more boarders/staff in a residential setting*
 - If your school is experiencing interest from the media
- *AND you have **NOT** discussed this situation with the HPT within the last 14 days

If you need advice or support you can access **the government schools guidance online** or contact the DfE helpline on **0800 046 8687**