

Summary of Procedures when Dealing with a Suspected Case of Covid-19 in O'Brennan N.S.



In the event that a pupil or staff member suddenly experiences the onset of symptoms associated with Covid-19 during our school day the following procedures will be followed:

Staff member: In the case of a staff member, they should inform the principal or deputy principal and leave the premises immediately. If they are unable to leave, they will stay in the isolation room until they are able to leave or have been collected by next of kin. The staff member should wear a mask at all times. They should exit using the back door of the building.

Pupil: In the case of a pupil, a member of staff from that bubble will bring them to the isolation room with their schoolbag and all of their school equipment. They will be given a mask to wear before they leave their bubble. They will have their temperature taken in the isolation room. They will be supervised by an adult at all times keeping a 2m social distance. When their parent/guardian arrives to collect them they will exit via the back door of the building.

- The staff member(s) assisting the ill pupil does not have to go home unless they too are showing symptoms.
- The parents/guardians/staff member will seek medical advice from their G.P. without delay.
- Should a Covid-19 test be required in the case of a staff member, they should remain out of school until the outcome is known.
- Should a Covid-19 test be required in the case of a pupil other siblings should immediately be removed from the school by parents/guardians.
- Members of that household should not return to school until the outcome of the test is known.
- The school should not and will not inform other parents of a suspected case.
- While the test results are pending there is no need to remove other staff members or children.
- In the case of a negative outcome the pupil or staff member should return to school once the symptoms resolve.
- In the case of a pupil having a negative outcome, their siblings should return immediately.