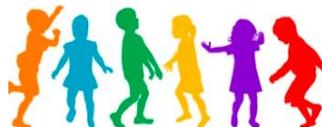## What to do if your child is a close contact of Covid-19 in school or childcare

The risk to your child is low

Children of any age can get Covid-19 (coronavirus) but they seem to get it less often than adults do.

The health and safety of all children and staff in the school is our highest priority in the Schools' Public Health Team.

Children and Covid-19 (coronavirus)

If your child does get Covid-19, they may have:
- no symptoms at all *or*
- mild symptoms

But there is a chance they could pass the infection onto someone else. This is why we are asking you to do 3 things please.

The 3 things you need to do are:

1 Keep an eye on your child

- This is to see if they get any symptoms of Covid-19 like a fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, runny nose or changes to their sense of taste or smell.

- If they do get symptoms keep them away from others in the house and contact your GP who may arrange a swab.

- If your child **has symptoms** others in your home should not go to work, school or childcare until the results are back.

2 Restrict your child's movements

- Keep them at home.

- Don't send them to school or childcare.

- Don't let them visit other people's homes.

- Don't have visitors to your home.

- If your child **is well** and does not have any Covid-19 symptoms, other people in the home can still go to work and school – unless you are given different advice by the Schools' Public Health team.

3 Bring your child for Covid-19 tests

- The number of tests depends on when your child was in contact with the person with Covid-19. The HSE arranges these tests. You don't need to ring your GP.

- Testing is the best way to know if your child has Covid-19.

- Your child will be able to return to school if their swab at day 10 is negative **and** they are well.

- Without a test at Day 10 your child will need to restrict movements for at least 14 days.

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