

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

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 schools 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 from parents and staff.
- The **wider school** is sent an inform and advise letter
- Inform your **Local Authority** of 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:

- Shared a small vehicle

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

- ≥ 5 students are cases in one school year within 14 days
- ≥ 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 school

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