

ANNAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Instructions to Parents/ Guardians on the recommended procedure to follow if a child in your child's POD tests Positive for Covid 19

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that a child in your child's pod in their classroom has tested positive for COVID-19 and that the child's parent/guardian has advised me of this.

Under the 'Antigen Testing in Primary School Children Pods Programme,' you are eligible to apply for antigen tests for your child.

If you wish to do this, please telephone this **Freephone number 1800 110055** to request antigen tests for your child in the identified pod. You will need to provide your **child's name and home address together with the school's roll number 15221A** to receive the test.

A box of 5 antigen tests will be delivered to the address you provide, with instructions on how and when to do the tests. There is a video on the HSE website showing how a parent can undertake an antigen test on a child. A QR code will be provided to afford parents the opportunity to inform the HSE of a test result, if they wish.

All children in the pod can continue to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic and they do **not** have a positive COVID-19 antigen or PCR test result.

Participation in this programme of antigen testing is **not mandatory** and children with no symptoms in the pod of the confirmed COVID-19 case can continue to attend school regardless of whether they have participated in this antigen-testing programme or not.

Parents or guardians are **not required** to inform the school of the results of their child's antigen tests. Children's normal educational experience should not be impacted in any way by the antigen testing programme.

If your child has **any respiratory symptoms** they should **self-isolate** at home and get a COVID-19 PCR test.

Even if a child's COVID-19 test is negative, but they **continue to have respiratory symptoms** they should **NOT ATTEND SCHOOL** as they may spread other viral infections.

Advice for unvaccinated people of all ages, including children who are identified as close contacts in a household setting.

If a case is within a household, **all unvaccinated children less than 13 years of age must restrict their movements and get a COVID-19 PCR test on day 0 and day 10.**

This is because the household remains the highest risk for transmission of COVID 19.

Thanking you for your on -going support and vigilance in this matter. Please stay safe.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Michael King