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Continued guidance on Covid procedures and measures in school in light of new variant

Symptoms as listed by the Public Health Agency (PHA).

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss of or change in sense of smell or taste

Child or adult displaying symptoms

1. If anyone becomes unwell with Covid symptoms in school, they must be isolated and sent home immediately. The child/adult will go for a PCR test ASAP. Tests can be booked at : <http://covid-19.hscni.net/testing/>

Child or adult identified as close contact

1. The school will inform parents if a member of the class has tested positive in their child's class. **You are advised for your child to isolate and take a lateral flow test as soon as possible. If this is negative you can stop isolating but should continue to take daily lateral flow tests until the 10th day after the last date of contact with the positive case. The lateral flow should be taken before your child leaves the house each day. If any lateral flow test is positive, your child should isolate immediately. You no longer need to book a PCR test for your child. If at any time your child develops symptoms, your child should isolate immediately and book a PCR even if the lateral flow is negative.**
2. Where the individual tests positive, the Public Health Agency take the lead in identifying close contacts. So, if your child is identified as a close contact, you will be contacted by PHA directly.
3. As agreed by NI Executive on 9 September 2021, parents will inform the school of PCR test results. Mr McCluskey is the data controller for Oakfield PS & NU and will adhere to all GDPR protocols.
4. All PCR test results should be emailed to Mr McCluskey on gmcccluskey739@c2kni.net and copied to Mrs Craig on mcraig913@c2kni.net

General procedures being implemented to keep everyone safe

1. Pupils will continue to be taught in 'consistent groupings' (bubbles by another name).
2. Any pupil who exhibits symptoms associated with COVID-19 should not attend school.
3. If any child is absent from school for any reason, the school will need to be informed of the reason for their absence before they can be readmitted to school. *Ideally this should be on the morning of the first day of absence.*
4. No parents/guardians will be permitted inside our school building at this time.
5. Parents/Guardians should wear face coverings while on our school premises.
6. Parents/guardians leaving off and collecting children should remain socially distanced.
7. A drop-off container will again be placed outside our main entrance, for exchange of any necessary documentation, but we hope that most information will be exchanged electronically.

G. McCluskey

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teacher for Child Protection
Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie