

PARENTS

COVID-19 PROCEDURES



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*Frequently asked
Questions*

We want to express **sincere thanks** to parents and guardians in the Sperrin College community for their on-going support and encouragement.

These are strange and confusing times. We have compiled a list of frequently asked questions that we hope will help to clarify school procedures specifically relating to Covid-19.

You will find guidance for *parents in various scenarios*, *key contact details* for the school and public agencies and information relating to *how we will communicate with you*. We have also included the procedures that school staff will follow in the event that a child becomes unwell in school.

We trust that you find this document useful.

Your support in following these recommended procedures will make a huge difference.

We're all in this TOGETHER.

BOOKING A COVID-19 TEST:

Online ***nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus***

Phone **119**

CONTACTING SPERRIN COLLEGE

During school hours please phone:

028 7963 4177

Outside of school hours please email:

Complete the C-19 CONTACT FORM on www.sperrincollege.com

What are the symptoms of Covid-19?

The PHA has indicated that any ONE of the following:

A new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour); OR

A high temperature (this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back); OR

*Anosmia (a loss or change in your normal sense of smell, which can also affect your sense of taste.)
are potential symptoms of Covid-19.*

What should I do if my child displays symptoms?

If any ONE or more symptoms are present at all:

Do NOT send your child or any siblings into school.

Follow PHA guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.

Arrange a COVID-19 test, self-isolate and minimise contact with others where possible.

Inform the school as soon as possible using the recommended lines of communication.

My child is feeling unwell, but not displaying the specific symptoms listed above.

As normal, if your child is unwell and not fit to attend school, please do not send them.

If your child is feeling only a little unwell, but otherwise fit, and not displaying any symptoms associated with Covid-19 listed above, they are welcome to come to school.

As a parent, what should I do if a member of my household tests positive?

Inform the school and keep your child at home.

Contact PHA - they should advise you on how long household members will be required to isolate. This will most likely be for a period of 14 days.

Maintain contact with the school.

How and when should I contact the school?

Contact the school as soon as possible if your child or a member of your household develops Covid-19 symptoms and/or tests positive.

During school hours please phone:

028 7963 4177

Outside of school hours please email:

Complete the C-19 CONTACT FORM on www.sperrincollege.com
A member of staff will be monitoring this email account.

Please contact us as soon as possible as advanced notice helps us to take necessary actions in a timely manner.

How will the school communicate with me regarding my child and Covid-19?

As the school year progresses, there is a likelihood that we will need to contact parents and guardians regarding Covid-19. In the first instance, we will do so by text message.

Please give your full and immediate attention to text messages entitled 'C-19 Procedure'.

These messages may contain:

- *Information about a Covid-19 case in the school community which DOES NOT directly affect your child.*
- *Information about a Covid-19 case which MAY directly affect your child and therefore your household.*
- *Information about a partial or full school closure due to Covid-19.*

Text messages may also contain a web link to a more detailed letter.

In cases where your child is directly affected, we will make every effort to follow up with a phone call.

If your child is required to self isolate we would appreciate regular contact from parents/guardians in the event of a change of circumstances, for example the development of symptoms or the confirmation of a positive or negative test.

Efforts will be made to ensure contact with Year Heads and subject teachers when appropriate.

Please ensure that the school office has your most up-to-date contact details.

My child has been in contact with someone who hasn't quarantined after returning from one of the countries on the quarantine list - do they need to self-isolate?

No, only if your child develops symptoms.

My child has been tested for Covid-19 but the result has come back unclear. Can they return to school?

No, they must have a re-test. They should continue to isolate until they receive a negative test result.

My child has been tested for Covid-19 and the result has come back negative. Can they return to school?

Present guidance advises that where an individual has a negative result, it is still important to apply caution. If everyone with symptoms who was tested in their household receives a negative result, the student can return to school providing they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

Written evidence to confirm a negative result is required.

A member of my household has tested positive for Covid-19, but my child has tested negative, can I send them back to school?

No, all members of the household must follow PHA guidance and isolate.

My child has been tested for Covid-19 and the result has come back positive. What do I need to do?

Your child must not come to school.

Follow advice given to you by the Test, Trace and Protect team - it is likely that your child will be instructed to self-isolate for a period of 14 days.

Inform the school as soon as possible using the recommended lines of communication.

If a member of my household becomes symptomatic and the doctor suspects that it may be Covid-19, does my son/daughter need to self-isolate?

Follow advice given by the doctor in regard to the actions that other household members should take.

What happens if a staff member/pupil tests positive after being in school?

The school must be informed immediately if a staff member/pupil receives a positive test result.

Anyone who tests positive will be contacted by the Test, Trace and Protect Service in the Public Health Agency, and will need to share information about their recent interactions. This could include household members, people with whom you have been in direct contact, or been within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes.

The school will follow PHA guidance if this occurs - those pupils/staff members who have been in direct contact with the pupil/staff member in receipt of the positive test will be asked to self-isolate and to seek a test immediately.

Will the school close if a pupil tests positive for Covid-19?

The school will seek guidance from the PHA regarding all positive cases of Covid-19. It is unlikely that the school will close entirely, however, a class bubble or a year group bubble may be asked to stay at home for a period of time recommended by the PHA.

What actions will the school take in the event of a positive Covid-19 test in the school community?

The school will seek advice from the PHA and will follow the specific guidelines given. Details of actions taken will be shared via letter when appropriate. This may include enhanced cleaning procedures and the closure of part or all of the school building until it is deemed safe to reopen.

Decisions on these matters will be taken in the context of PHA advice and will not be taken lightly.

If my child is required to isolate, will they be able to continue learning from home?

All subject areas are continuing to develop mechanisms to ensure that pupils have access to learning resources from home. Details of which will be provided by the subject teacher.

Will the school share my details with the PHA?

The school is required to share your details with the Test, Trace and Protect service if a positive Covid-19 case is deemed to directly affect your child. Further queries on this should be directed to the Principal via the school office.

How do I get a Covid-19 Test?

Visit: nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus to book a test online.

*Phone **119** if you cannot book a test online.*



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If a pupil in your class presents with **any one** of the following Covid-19 symptoms:

A new, continuous cough;

A high temperature/fever;

Anosmia (a loss or change in your normal sense of smell, which can also affect your sense of taste.)

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PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS -

ACTION

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If the pupil is well enough, ask them to take their chair and sit outside the classroom. Ensure that this is a ventilated space.

CLASS TEACHER

Phone the designated C-19 First Aider

CLASS TEACHER

The C-19 First Aider will collect the pupil.

C-19 FIRST AIDER

The pupil will be brought to the Dance Studio.

C-19 FIRST AIDER

The Year Head will be informed.

C-19 FIRST AIDER

Any other members of the pupil's household will be identified.

OFFICE STAFF

A parent/guardian will be contacted to arrange collection of the pupil and any others in their household.

OFFICE STAFF

Hand over of pupil. Parent/Guardian advised to arrange a Covid-19 test.

C-19 FIRST AIDER

Self-isolation to take place – following PHA guidelines.

PUPIL HOUSEHOLD



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