

IES Breckland Covid-19 Infection Response Strategy – 21st September 2020

Scenario	Response
Student or staff showing symptoms	Students or staff must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.
	If student shows symptoms in school, parents must be contacted immediately. Advise parents they must take the student home and book a test.
	Home testing kits can be given directly to parents collecting a student who has developed symptoms at school, or staff who have developed symptoms at school, but only in cases when we think providing one will significantly increase the likelihood of them getting tested (the final decision will rest with the Principal).
	Advise parents that all household members will need to isolate.
	Staff or parents must also be advised they should provide details of anyone they or their child has been in close contact with from the school community (i.e. staff members and other students) if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
	Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119.
	Staff should leave the school site immediately.
	While the student is awaiting collection, move them to the designated Covid-19 room within student support and open a window for ventilation. If it is not possible to use the Covid-19 room, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people, preferably outdoors.
	Staff caring for a student while they are awaiting collection should maintain 2 metre distancing. If not possible, they should wear suitable PPE.
	Following the departure of the member of staff or student from the school site, the Covid-19 room must be deep cleaned. Desks and chairs used by the staff member or student must also be cleaned.
	Staff and parents must also be informed they should advise the school of the outcome of the test immediately.
Student or staff tests positive	Contact NHS Business Services Authority, provided by Public Health England (PHE), by calling the DfE's existing coronavirus helpline number on 0800 046 8687, and selecting option 1.
	The advice service will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. If, following triage, further expert advice is required the adviser will escalate the school's call to the PHE local health protection team.
	Based on their advice, schools must send home those staff and students who have been in close contact with the staff member or student who has tested positive, advising them to isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that staff member or student when they were infectious.
	Close contact is defined as – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin) • proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person
	It is likely that all students in the same year group bubble will be classed as 'proximity contacts', and will therefore be advised to isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that student when they were infectious.
	<p>Next steps may include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue template letter to all students in the year group bubble informing them of the need to isolate (the infected student(s) must not be named) and what to do if they develop symptoms while isolating Communicate with all parents and staff Issue press release (statement on website and Facebook) (the infected student(s) must not be named)
	Ensure isolated students can continue learning - teachers (including those who are isolating) must set school work remotely on Go 4 Schools
	Following a positive test, staff and students must continue to isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they no longer have a high temperature.
	The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.
	Household members of those staff members or students who are sent home do not need to isolate themselves unless the student or staff member subsequently develops symptoms.
	If a student or member of staff who is isolating because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) starts to feel unwell and gets a test for coronavirus themselves, and the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. They could still develop coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
	If a student or member of staff who is isolating because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) starts to feel unwell and gets a test for coronavirus themselves, and the test delivers a positive result, they should inform the school immediately, and should isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
Multiple students or staff testing positive	If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, they may have an outbreak and must continue to work with their local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.