

FAQ:

1. After travelling abroad, Does my child have to isolate for 14 days?

The school ask that everyone adhere to all guidelines around this which can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/75d92-covid-19-travel-advice/>

2. We were abroad in the last 14 days but we got our child tested and it was negative, can they come back into school?

As per HSE advice (received on 25.08.2020) anyone who was abroad must isolate for 14 days, regardless of test results. The same applies if you have been in contact with a confirmed case.

3. My child has symptoms, was tested and was negative, how soon can they return to school?

Please follow the advice you received from the HSE

4. We are isolating - can the school send work home?

The school's Board of Management agreed that the first few weeks of school will be treated as a settling in period for both staff and pupils and therefore work/ homework will not be sent home. These weeks will be used mostly for revision of last year's work.

5. I am nervous about sending my child back to school, I would like to send them back at a later date? Is this ok with the school? Can the school provide work?

If a parent chooses not to send their child back, the child will be marked absent and referred to the Education Welfare Officer after 20 days (Advice received from EWO on 24.08.2020)

In this situation, work will not be sent home from the school.

6. There is a very high risk family member and therefore, we do not want our child to return to school, what is the protocol?

The Roadmap issued by the Department of Education only makes provisions for staff or children who are Very High Risk. Unfortunately, it does not mention family members. Following advice received from the Education Welfare Officer on 24.08.2020, a child will have to be marked absent as normal. The Education Welfare Officer will make contact with these families to offer support after the child has missed 20 days of school.

In regards to work being sent home, we understand, having a very high risk immediate family member is an exceptional circumstance and the school will do their best to facilitate work being sent home. As previously mentioned, the first few weeks back at school will be treated as a settling in period for both staff and pupils and therefore work/ homework will not be sent home. These weeks will be used mostly for revision of last year's work.

#### 7. My child is Very High Risk, what is the protocol?

If your child meets the HSE requirements as being in the very high risk category, please contact your child's class teacher about this who will bring it to the principal's attention. One of our SET teachers will be in touch with you following on from this. Please bear with us on this. For more information, please refer to page 45 on the roadmap which can be found below:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b264b-roadmap-for-the-full-return-to-school/>

For further information Please contact the HSE Advice line: 1850 24 18 50

#### Useful links:

Roadmap for Full Reopening of schools can be found here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b264b-roadmap-for-the-full-return-to-school/>

The Department of Education have put a very useful FAQ together about returning to school:

This can be found here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/389bd-topics-being-raised-on-the-back-to-school-helpline/#travelling-to-school>

HSE Website: <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>