

Llythyr / Letter 6 : Information from FCC in relation WG Guidance

Illness / COVID-19 Symptoms

- *Persons displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should be sent home, and advised to arrange a test and ensure self-isolation guidance is adhered to. For learners, parents should be advised to arrange a test for their child. If the test comes back positive, the contact tracing system will commence for that case.*
- Contract tracing is done on an anonymised basis as default. Contact tracers will get in touch with contacts only if identified from a positive case and will only share who that person is, if permission is given. If the contact tracers deem other learners or staff as contacts (utilising the definition of a contact), they will request that information from the school and take forward that contact tracing (which includes informing others that they are contacts) as the experts.
- It is not appropriate for schools to share information on potential Covid-19 cases in the school to wider staff, pupils or parents. Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) this is personal health information which is highly sensitive and shouldn't be widely shared. From a contact tracing perspective, contact tracer's actions are covered under the health specific article of GDPR, which is why they are able to request that information from sources such as schools (and also handle appropriately and sensitively in health-specific systems).
- Contact tracers will get in touch with the school if there is a suspected cluster or potential outbreak, where they will ask for information from the school as to who was in the classroom if needed.
- Pupils and staff should only request a test if they are symptomatic, not if they suspect contact with a potentially positive case.

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