Latest COVID-19 Guidelines for TSS:

Essentially, guidance hasn't changed since the end of last term – below you will find guidance for staff and pupils on what to do if **symptomatic (but not tested),** what to do in the event of a **positive COVID test** and what to do as a **close contact** of a positive COVID case.

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*"What do I do if I have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and have **not taken a COVID-19 test**?"*

Advice for staff

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a **high temperature** or **do not feel well enough to go to work** or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.

Advice for pupils

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, **can continue to attend their education setting**.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a **high temperature** should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

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*What to do if you have a **positive COVID-19 test result?***
(It is suggested to only test if advised to do so by a healthcare professional or 111 operative)

Advice for staff

Stay at home and avoid contact with other people **for 5 days** after the day you took your test. Please follow the school absence procedure below.

Advice for pupils

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people **for 3 days** after the day they took the test, if they can. Please follow the school absence procedure below.

*What to do if you are a **close contact** of someone who has had a positive test result for COVID-19?*

Advice for staff

If you are a household or overnight contact of someone who has had a positive COVID-19 test result you can **continue to attend as normal,** unless you start to experience symptoms that stop you being able to work or have a positive test yourself.

Advice for pupils

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should **continue to attend as normal**, unless you start to experience symptoms and have a positive test themselves.

School absence procedure explained:

Situation	Guidance	If PCR or LFD test confirms it is COVID	School Expectations
Adults with the **symptoms** of a respiratory infection, and who have a **high temperature** or feel **unwell**.	Try to **stay at home** and **avoid contact** with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they **no longer have** a high temperature.	Adults with a **positive COVID-19 test** result should try to **stay at home** and **avoid contact** with other people for **5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. Then return to work **on day 6** if you feel well enough. There is now **NO need to re-test**.	• Please **ring the staff absence line** on the first day to let us know. • Please **email proof of test result.** • We will be **expecting you back in work on day 6** so if you are still not able to be in work you must **ring on day 6** and **every subsequent day** you will be absent from work.
Children and young people who are **unwell** and have a **high temperature**.	**Stay at home** and **avoid contact** with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they **no longer have** a high temperature, and they are **well enough** to attend.	For children and young people aged 18 and under, with a **positive COVID-19 test** result should try to **stay at home** and **avoid contact** with other people for **3 days** There is now **NO need to re-test**.	• Please **ring the pupil absence line or notify us through the ParentMail app** on the first day to let us know. • Please **email proof of test result.** • We will be **expecting you back in school on day 4** so if you are still not able to be in school you must **ring on day 4** and **every subsequent day** you will be absent from school.