

## **Dealing with A Confirmed COVID19 Case Guidelines**

### What to do if you are confirmed to have COVID19 (Pupil or Staff member)

- 1. Report your status to Somerset House immediately for contact tracing purposes.
- 2. If your health care provider has not done so already, report your status to the Department of Health for community contact tracing by calling the COVID19 hotline **0800 029 999**.
- 3. Individuals with a confirmed Covid-19 diagnosis can stop isolation precautions and return to school after **10 days** from the day their symptoms first started or 10 days from testing positive.
- 4. Alternatively, if admission to hospital is required for the treatment of Covid-19, they can return to school at least eight days from the date of discharge and when they are well enough to return to school.
- 5. Normal Sick leave policy / school absence procedure must be adhered to. Please inform your class teacher or HR Department of all absences immediately.

#### What to do at our Facilities after a case has been Confirmed (The School)

- 6. All members of the Somerset House Community will be notified of the confirmed case.
- 7. The School's Management Team will commence contact tracing immediately to identify all pupils, staff or visitors who may have been in direct contact with the confirmed case.
- 8. The School has a duty to inform the Department of Health of every confirmed case (staff or pupil).
- 9. Parts of the school accessed by a confirmed case will be shut down immediately for disinfectant and sanitization protocols to be implemented.
- 10. In the event of an outbreak the School will work with public health officials to carry out a risk assessment of the facility if required to do so, the management of staff and pupils thereafter will be based on this assessment.
- 11. Closure of the school will be at the discretion of School Management and on advice from public health officials, potential for virus spread and contact mixing.

#### Procedure to follow when a positive result has been provided

Based on new information from trusted registered Health Care Professionals with regards to a positive test result. The advice is that *no test can have a false positive result*.

- 12. Where numerous tests are taken by a pupil or employee and at least one test indicates a positive result, the School will treat it as a confirmed case, all the previously mentioned protocols will be implemented.
- 13. The confirmed case is to isolate immediately at home in accordance to step 3 and 4 above, no other test results will be considered.

# ALL SUSPECTED AND CONFIRMED CASES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE COVID19 COMPLIANCE OFFICER TO IMPLEMENT DECONTAMINATION AND CLEANING PROTOCOLS

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