

Guidelines Surrounding Antigen Tests in Schools

What do I do if my child has any symptoms?

Self-isolate at home and book a PCR test

I'm sure that my child only has a cold. Can I use an Antigen test and send them to school if it's negative?

Absolutely not. There is no point in using an Antigen test if your child has any symptoms. If your child has symptoms, book a PCR test and keep them isolating at home.

What do I do if my child has a positive PCR test result?

Contact the school and inform the principal (principal@rathwirens.ie) or phone **044 9374591**. The principal will contact the parents of your child's pod and instruct them what to do.

Will the principal give my details or my child's name out to the other parents?

Absolutely not. They will be informed that "a child in your child's pod has tested positive" and will be instructed how to proceed.

I visit people who are vulnerable/ immune compromised, will I be told if a child in my child's pod is positive?

- All parents/guardians will be informed
- You will be given a phone number to request antigen tests
- A box of 5 Antigen tests will be delivered
- There is a video on the HSE website instructing how to use the test
- A QR code will be provided to give parents a chance to inform the HSE of a test result, if the parent wishes to

Do I keep my child at home if a child in their pod is positive?

- You can send your child to school as long as they have no symptoms.
- If they have any symptoms, there is no point in giving them an Antigen test-keep them at home and book a PCR test.
- If they have a positive Antigen test, keep them at home and book a PCR test
- Children can come to school if they have no symptoms

Do I inform the school if my child has a negative Antigen and has no symptoms?

While you don't have to, we would appreciate an email to update us of any developments (stjosephs@rathwirens.ie)

What do I do now if there is a positive case at home?

If a member of your household tests positive, all unvaccinated people, including children, must restrict their movements and get a PCR test on day 0 and day 10-this has not changed.

I am still unsure what to do. Where can I get more information?

Go to the "Isolation Quick Guide for parents and Guardians