

SUMMER 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we all look forward to the forthcoming holidays and the gradual easing of restrictions, I am writing to outline the arrangements in place to ensure we can continue to fight against Covid-19 in the weeks ahead.

Over the last few weeks in East Renfrewshire, we have seen the number of positive cases beginning to stabilise as we all work hard to reduce the risks of transmission and keep ourselves and others safe. Across our schools, we continue to have a wide range of mitigations in place to keep our buildings as safe as possible and ensure pupils can continue to attend and do not miss out on their learning.

Unfortunately, with the easing of restrictions, there is the chance that we might still see some more positive cases in the weeks ahead. These are the arrangements that have been put in place if your child happens to test positive during the holidays after schools close on Friday 25th June.

Positive Case where your child's symptoms first developed on or before Sunday 27th June

1. Email COVIDeducation@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk – there is no need to contact the school directly.
2. Provide your child's details including the name of the school, their class and their date of birth. This will help make sure your child's details can be found quickly.
3. Explain when the symptoms first began.
4. Give details on when the test was undertaken and when you received the positive result.
5. Let us know when your child was last in school.

These steps will allow us to work with Test & Protect to identify whether there are any close contacts who may require to self-isolate as a precaution.

Positive Case where your child's symptoms developed on or after Monday 28th June

If your child develops symptoms (or tests positive without any symptoms) on or after Monday 28th June, there is no need for you to email the Education Department. Instead, you will be contacted by the Test & Protect team who will discuss the details with you and ask for the information they need. As your child will not have been in school for more than 48 hours before they developed symptoms, there will no longer be the need for any in-school contacts to be identified.

Please note, if your child is accessing the at-home testing kits available through their school (secondary school only), please get in touch with the Education Department if they get a positive test on or before Sunday 27th June.

I hope that you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy and enjoy the summer break. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact your child's school for further information.

Kind regards

East Renfrewshire Council