

## Advice for parents during Covid-19:

# Back to School in September 2021 – Primary Schools



School communities are working hard, with the support of public health officials, to ensure the safe operation of our schools for pupils, staff and families.

All schools have put in place rules and routines which must be followed to keep everyone safe. The latest public health advice on returning to school is available on [gov.ie/backtoschool](https://gov.ie/backtoschool).



If your child has any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and contact your GP:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more, a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has become worse, other uncommon symptoms of Covid-19, such as sore throat, headaches or diarrhoea

Do not send your child to school if they have:

- Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19
- Been living with someone who is unwell and may have Covid-19

See [here](#) for more.



- If your GP sends your child for a Covid-19 test, your child should remain at home until a negative test result is received
- If Covid-19 is not detected from the test, they can return to school once their symptoms are clear
- If Covid-19 is detected, they must self-isolate and follow the instructions from public health
- Public health will provide guidance to you on the next steps to follow.

Read the HSE guide for parents [here](#) or see [gov.ie/backtoschool](https://gov.ie/backtoschool) for a live link.



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