**What to do if your child is a close contact of Covid**

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 **in**

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**school or childcare**

**The risk to your child is low**

Children of any age can get Covid

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coronavirus) but they seem to get it less

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often than adults do.

**The health and safety of all children and**

**staff in the school is our highest priority**

**in the**

**Schools’ Public Health Team.**

**The**

**3**

**things you need to do are:**

**Children and Covid**

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 **(coronavirus**

If your child does get Covid

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, they may have

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no symptoms at all

*or*

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mild symptoms

But there is a chance they could pass the infection

onto someone else. This is why we are asking you to

do 3 things please.

Keep

an eye on your child

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This is to see if they get any symptoms of

Covid

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 like a fever, cough, shortness of

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breath, headache, sore throat, runny nose

or changes

to their sense of taste

or smell

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If they do get symptoms keep them away

from others in the house and contact your

GP who

may

arrange a

swab.

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If your child

**has symptoms**

others

in your

home should not go to

work,

school

or

childcare until

the results are back.

Restrict

your child’s

movements

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Keep them at home.

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Don’t send them to school or childcare.

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Don’t let them visit other people’s homes

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Don’t have visitors to your home.

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If your child

**is well**

and does not have

any Covid

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 symptoms, other people in

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the home can still go to work and school

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unless you are given different advice by

the Schools’ Public Health team.

Bring your child for Covid

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 tests

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The

number of

tests depends

on when

your child was in contact with the person

with

Covid

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tests.

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ou don’t need to ring your GP.

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Testing is the best way to know if your

child has Covid

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Your child will be able to return to school if

their swab at

day 10 is negative

**and**

they

are

well.

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Without a test at Day 10 your child will

need to restrict

movements for at least 14

days.

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