

The Formentera Department of Education reports that a group of children at Escoleta Camí Vell were sent home and asked to isolate after news came that a family member of one of their classmates had tested positive for Covid-19 subsequent to participation in the school's adaptation period. Health authorities consider contact between nursery-age classmates close. Indeed, such groups are treated the same as stable "cohabitation units", meaning their members do not wear masks and it is assumed safe physical distancing is not always possible.

Administrative staff at the early learning centre have been in lock-step collaboration with the division of the Eivissa-Formentera health department that is in charge of coordinating around coronavirus issues. Affected families have been notified of the change by the school's administration. Meanwhile, health authorities have announced protocol and will be following the development of the Covid-19 patient and their contacts.

Thanking families for their collaboration, education chief Susana Labrador said the present case offered a prime example of how keeping schools informed is essential to curbing spread of the virus. She also urged other families at Formentera schools to remain calm: "We knew situations like this one could happen, and what's most important now is that we respect public health protocol and quarantine orders. That's what will ensure spread of the virus is minimal".

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