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Dear Parents,

COVID UPDATE

Firstly, we thank parents for their continued vigilance and support with our Covid measures over the last weeks and months. I am however very conscious that the prevalence of Covid in the wider community continues to be a concern and increasing so in our council area, therefore I would ask for parents' co-operation with the following instructions as we work to keep everyone within our school community as safe as possible.

*Do not send your children to school if they are unwell, **particularly if they have any Covid symptoms:***

- High Temperature, New / Persistent Cough, Loss of taste or smell – Stay at home, isolate and book a test. <https://covid-19.hscni.net/testing>
- Inform school immediately and advise us of the result as soon as possible.
- Pupils do not return until symptoms have gone for at least 48 hours – even if the test result was negative.

Where a child who has been in school develops symptoms or has to have a Covid test, it is essential that parents inform the principal by email immediately. Please do not wait for a result, even if the result ends up being negative prior warning is appreciated.

While the latest guidelines from the PHA do not necessarily identify all children in a class as close contacts, those living in the same household are, we therefore ask for everyone's immediate co-operation with the following request:

Where a member of your household has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid, others in the family should stay at home, book a PCR test and remain at home until a negative result has been received. (Unless they themselves have had Covid in the previous 90 days). The PHA guidelines allows family members to return to school as long as they remain symptom free and have the negative test and require a repeat test 8 days after their first one. Without a negative PCR Covid result close contacts cannot return to school.

In the light of the increased risk of transmission within families, parents may wish to keep siblings of children with Covid at home until positive family member's isolation is over. This is strongly encouraged to minimise the likelihood of the virus being carried into school. Pupil's absence, in this situation will be coded to Covid and should not impact on their overall attendance percentage.

Work will be provided on Seesaw for children at home who are well enough to continue their learning. Staff will provide work each afternoon which will focus on literacy / numeracy and revision activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any additional information, Seesaw codes etc.

Yours faithfully

I. McKane