



COVID-19 Letter to Parents

Dear Parent,

This is an information letter outlining how we as a school will make decisions over the next few weeks and months. It also contains useful reference points that will be of benefit to you i.e. medical information and who to contact in the instance of a positive Covid-19 Test. Please take a few minutes to read it carefully.

Northern Ireland Context

As has been well documented recently the community transmission rate of Covid-19 in Northern Ireland is very high. This means that it is inevitable there will be cases of Covid-19 within our local area and greater school community. With this in mind we feel it is important to share some information with you that may be of benefit over the coming weeks and months.



Decision Making Process

As a school we always contact the Public Health Agency which has a dedicated support service for schools when we are faced with concerns about Covid-19. This provides us with the most up to date guidance which is consistent across all schools in Northern Ireland.



There will be times when the advice they give school is to have certain classes self-isolate because of contact with a pupil/staff member who has tested positive for Covid-19 and this will always be communicated to the parents/guardians of those children directly affected in that class. The rest of the school community will receive a more general letter saying that a class is self-isolating.

At other times the advice given to school will be that no communication should be sent to parents/guardians because the pupil/staff member/parent who tested positive for Covid-19 does not carry a risk to the rest of the school community.

We understand that our community like others is 'close knit' and over the coming weeks and months as the inevitable Covid-19 cases rise, many of you will become aware of members of the community who have or will have tested positive and may be self-isolating or who will require hospital treatment etc.

Confidentiality

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