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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to inform you that a member of our school community (within the Primary 1 bubble) has tested positive for Covid-19. The Public Health Agency has worked with the school to undertake a risk assessment to identify people who have been in close contact with the case. These individuals have been advised to stay at home and isolate. The pupils and staff that are affected have been notified and advised separately by the PHA. The affected area has been closed off and will receive an enhanced clean.

In completing this risk assessment, children in other classes **have not** been identified as a close contact in the school setting and do not need to make any change to their usual routine, including school attendance.

I do appreciate the concerns of parents, pupils and the wider school community and wish to reassure you that every precaution has been taken. Ensuring the safety of pupils, staff and the whole school community is our absolute priority and we will continue to monitor this situation carefully and keep you informed.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child, or anyone in your household, develops any of these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. Testing for all symptomatic individuals can be booked at www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test When the result is known further advice will be available.

For further information, please see the Public Health Agency website:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus> or contact NHS 111. If your child feels unwell and you are worried about their symptoms or about anyone else in the home, please contact your GP.

Parents with any questions or concerns are welcome to contact the school

Yours sincerely,

Donal McNally

(Principal)