



Friday 10th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

In light of the most recent guidance from the Education Authority and the Public Health Agency, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the key points. They are as follows;

- As of today, schools are no longer to undertake contact tracing activities. Parents should however **still inform the school of a confirmed positive PCR test.**
- In the event of a child testing positive for Covid-19, the PHA Contact Tracing Service will have responsibility for close contact tracing.
- Those identified as a close contact will be notified by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.
- In certain circumstances the PHA Contact Tracing Service may contact schools in order to aid close contact tracing or to access contact information.
- In the event of a confirmed case, an alert letter will be issued to parents, informing them that a person with links to their child's class has tested positive. **This will not mean that whole class bubbles will be sent home or all children should get a test.** Only those parents of children identified as a close contact will be notified by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

As I am sure you understand, this an ever evolving situation and I will endeavour to keep parents informed of any further updates. I am aware that this is a very challenging time for us all, and I very much appreciate your support as we do our best to navigate through these very difficult times.

Mr Tighe.

