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COVID Update 24th January

Dear Parents

As expected, the community transmission rate is extremely high and this has had a huge impact on our school. Currently we have 7 members of staff absent due to COVID and 66 children testing positive or symptomatic. All classes are affected but the classes with the highest reported cases from this morning are:

Nursery/ P2/ Miss Jamieson/ P4/ Mrs O'Kane/ P5-6/ Mrs Forte

There is **EVERY LIKELEHOOD THAT YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN A CLOSE CONTACT**. I have been in contact with the EA who have issued this most recent advice as from today the 24th of January 2022.

School aged children (including children of primary school age) and young people who are not fully vaccinated:

- You are advised to isolate and take a lateral flow device (LFD) test as soon as possible.
- If this is negative you can stop isolating but should continue to take daily lateral flow tests until the tenth day after the last date of contact with the positive case.
- The lateral flow should ideally be taken before you leave the house for the first time each day.
- If any lateral flow test is positive, you should isolate immediately. You no longer need to book a PCR test.



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- If at any time- you develop symptoms, you should isolate immediately and book a PCR even if the lateral flow test is negative.

Information on how close contacts are identified and managed in schools and other structured and supervised settings is available at:

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): staying safe in schools, colleges and universities](#)

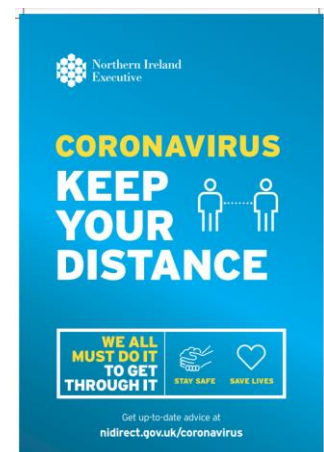
To minimise further spread could I ask you to please keep your child at home if they seem unwell or have any of the following symptoms. • A new continuous cough and/or

- A high temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

I know that organising tests and staying at home waiting for results may be hard for you and your child but it is vital to help reduce the risk of transmission in our school community. Your support is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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