

## OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### COVID-19 ALERT IN SCHOOL SETTING – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

12/09/21

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are advising all Primary 7 children to remain off school tomorrow and organise a PCR test. All other classes will operate as normal and siblings of Primary 7 children in other classes may come to school providing they are not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms. Children displaying symptoms of COVID 19 should stay at home and their parents/guardians should organise a PCR test.

Information on the latest self-isolation requirements can be found on NI Direct (<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-selfisolating>). The advice on what to do if a close contact changed on 16th August 2021.

#### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

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)

Please book a free PCR test, even if an earlier one was negative. Your child should stay at home and self-isolate until you receive the result. Please see Coronavirus (COVID-19): self-isolating | NI direct for guidance on whether other people in your household also need to self-isolate while you are waiting for your child's PCR result. Tests can be arranged at your closest testing site or by requesting a postal kit which will be sent to your home address. You can choose whichever option is more convenient for you. Going for a COVID test is one of the reasons your child can leave home during the self-isolation period, however, they should not use public transport. Please order a postal test if you do not have private transport to a test site.

#### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- Please get vaccinated if you are eligible and haven't already done so
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### **Further information**

For further information, please see the NI Direct website Coronavirus (COVID-19): self-isolating | NI Direct 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 your home, please contact your GP.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Please contact the school on Monday morning if you have any further queries or email [tmckee362@c2kni.net](mailto:tmckee362@c2kni.net). Thank you.

Take care and all the best

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