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Dear Parent(s),

I am writing to you this morning, to inform you that a member of our school community has tested positive for Covid-19.

You will recall that in an earlier letter to parents, I did not outline procedures that would be followed in light of a confirmed positive case, due to the nature of the ever changing guidance. This was to ensure that I was not giving mixed messages, and to ensure that the advice I was giving was the most up to date.

As of yesterday, Friday 10th September 2021, the PHA (Public Health Agency) will now take the lead in contact tracing. The school will only become involved if their assistance is required in identifying close contacts, etc.

If your child is identified as a close contact, you will be informed by a telephone call or a text message from the PHA; you will not be contacted by the school. Likewise, if we record more positive cases in school, parents will only be contacted by the PHA, if it directly affects their child(ren).

If you are contacted by the PHA, you should follow the advice given.

If you are not contacted by PHA, your child has not been deemed to be a close contact, and is therefore free to come to school as normal. There is no requirement for them to isolate or to take a PCR test.

In order to provide you with further information, regarding the procedures to follow if you are contacted by the PHA and to outline the rationale behind this new track and trace policy, I have attached letters from both the PHA and the Chief Medical Officer for NI.

Covid-19 is very prevalent within our community and I ask that we continue to take every necessary precaution, in order to protect our pupils, staff and families.

If you have any further queries, please email kblack585@c2kni.net and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Keith Black
(Principal)