



8 December 2021

Re: Confirmed cases of Covid-19 at our school

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

For the week 29 Nov – 3 Dec we have been notified of 8 positive cases of Covid 19 in our school. Your child can continue to go to school as normal provided they are free of any Covid 19 symptoms. We are appealing to parents not to send their children to school with minor symptoms and to have a PCR test completed if your child displays any symptoms. Please be extra vigilant as the high number of cases in the community are impacting on cases in our school at the moment.

We are asking you to:

Keep an eye on your child's health. This is to check for any symptoms of Covid-19.

Symptoms of Covid-19 include

a fever (temperature of 38°C or higher), cough, shortness of breath, any loss or change to the sense of smell or taste, headache, sore throat, or a runny nose.

If your child gets any symptoms of Covid-19 you need to:

- Keep them home from school
- Isolate them if possible and try and avoid them coming into contact with other people. This includes other people at home.
- Book a Covid-19 PCR test for your child either by contacting your GP or booking a test online yourself.

It is HSE advice that antigen tests should not be carried out on people with symptoms of Covid 19 as they can be unreliable.



Household Close Contacts

If your child is under 13 years of age and is a close contact of someone in your house they need to:

- restrict their movements (stay at home) for up to 14 days
- have a Covid 19 test on Day 10 after the close contact

New School Guidelines on Close Contact

● Parents/guardians of a child who has been confirmed as having COVID-19 following a PCR test, are

asked to inform their school's principal as soon as possible.

- The school principal will then inform the parents of other children in the pod of a confirmed case.
- No personal details of the child will be shared.
- These parents will be provided with the option to receive free antigen tests for their child, which they will be able to order for delivery to their home.

More information

- Up to date information and advice on Covid-19 is available on [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie).
- If you have any queries you can call HSELive on 1850 24 1850.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Lynch', written over a horizontal line.

Bryan Lynch

Principal