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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I trust this correspondence finds you all safe and well at the start of this new academic year. We feel it is as vitally important at this stage to update you with regards to the most recent Covid guidance given to schools from DE and PHA.

If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid please do not send them to school. You should organise a PCR test as soon as possible. If it is negative your child can return to school, if positive they must isolate for 10 days. The day which the symptoms started counts as day zero.

If your child has taken a PCR test and the results are positive, please inform the school immediately. The PHA will contact you and will proceed with identifying and informing close contacts.

If you are informed that your child is a close contact, please inform the school immediately. Our procedure is as follows:

1. All close contacts will be removed from class and supervised in another room (D17 – Dance Studio)
2. Pupil will be booked in for a PCR test at earliest possible convenience.
3. If test result is negative pupil can return to school immediately.
4. If test result is positive pupil must self-isolate for 10 days.
5. Further PCR test on Day 8 with a return to school immediately and isolation for 10 days only if result positive

The following link will take you to a flowchart which outlines the above:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G_qUVHRGKz-YU2S-6aT6Y38vot6FyIFK/view?usp=sharing

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The Lateral flow testing programme is now being offered to all pupils in post primary schools. The programme involves offering twice weekly Lateral Flow Detection testing to all staff and pupils. Please take time to discuss this with your son/daughter. **Please note this is a voluntary programme and no pupil is required to participate.** Pupils have the choice of whether they wish to opt in or out of this testing system, please click on this link to provide consent if you want your child to opt in:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwJcxL0LS4zAKyHJ9v8OqkoynbgVQrgySpO086Q57S2550Q/viewform>

The tests will only be issued to pupils who wish to opt in. **They will be conducted at home on a twice weekly basis** with results being self-reported to the NHS portal. If a positive result is recorded the pupil should immediately self-isolate, inform the school and take a confirmatory PCR Test. If the PCR Test is negative the pupil returns to school. If it is positive, the pupil continues to self-isolate for 10 days.

All our school Covid protocols have been updated in line with recent guidance and you can find the document outlining these by clicking on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iQjKcbTM8uyXE-oJ4L2f3KNmOKxit8wX/view?usp=sharing>

We are all working hard to try and keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible. Thank you all in anticipation of your support.

Kind Regards,

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