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Lisnagry National School



Dear Parents/Guardians,

From Monday 27th September NPHE has provided updated advice to the HSE regarding contact tracing in primary schools. The revised guidelines mean that if we are notified of a positive case of Covid 19 in our school we are not advised to take any action and the HSE will no longer engage in contact tracing in the school setting.

The other important thing to note is that this does not apply to household contacts, i.e. the people living in your house. Unvaccinated children living in the same household as a positive case of covid 19 will still be identified as close contacts and asked to restrict their movements in line with national guidance.

Throughout this pandemic, it has been our school community's excellence at adhering to our policies and procedures and keeping children home from school when unwell that has kept everyone safe.

Under the new HSE guidelines Public Health recommends that we do not inform parents of any cases of covid 19 within our school. However, we are aware that information often gets shared by certain groups (e.g. whatsapp). As a school we must be conscious of GDPR requirements and it is important that children and families are not identified.

Out of courtesy, we have made the decision to inform you of a number of positive cases of Covid 19 in our school. We feel that we are acting prudently by providing you this information so we can continue to keep everyone safe.

Therefore, we all need to be alert and continue to be extra vigilant. If your child develops symptoms suggestive of Covid 19 – self-isolate, stay at home and contact your GP for advice. If your child has no symptoms he/she can continue to come to school as normal.

See attached information guide for parents about the changes to contact tracing issued by the HSE.

Best regards,

MICHAEL FEENEY

Principal