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## Scoil Lios na Groí Lisnagry National School



Dear Parent(s),

I wish to keep you all up to date with the situation regarding Covid-19 cases here at school. Since last Friday, we have been experiencing a surge of the virus in the school. There have been positive cases notified to me in Junior Infants, 1st Class, 2nd Class, 5th Class A and B and 6th Class to date. I have sent close contact alert emails to parents of the children identified as close contacts within these classrooms and supplied you with the phone number to contact the HSE to get antigen tests so that you can test the children as directed.

We expect this surge to continue now into next week as more close contacts test positive on antigen tests. We would like to thank you sincerely for your vigilance to date and to thank you for keeping pupils at home if you have any concern. Please do continue to let us know if your child does produce a positive result on their antigen test. As has been reported, this variant of the virus is extremely contagious and we are certainly seeing the evidence of this here at school this time within PODS and classes. By you notifying us of the positive cases, we can be on high alert for the children sitting close by and to their potential symptoms.

Our staffing level is also being affected and we have a number of substitute teachers here at the moment. Every effort is always made to secure a substitute teacher but current circumstances make this extremely challenging at times. Our primary goal is to continue to maintain continuity for the children as best we can. In the classes with positive cases and pupils isolating, class teachers with the help of support teachers have work on google classroom available for those children who are well enough to do some school work and would like to. Please remember, there is no pressure to complete this work, we fully understand the pressures this situation is bringing to your houses. The work is there only if you want to do it. If you need any support, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

I have attached the most recent HSE isolation guide for under 13's once again for you in case you need it for reference.

Finally, we are here to help if we can so continue to contact us with any worries or questions you might have. We hope that our boys and girls isolating at home are doing ok and we look forward to welcoming them back to school once they are symptom free and their isolation periods are complete.

Take care,

Michael Feeney