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Dear Parents

As of today, 10th September 2021, The PHA Contact Tracing Service (CTS) are now responsible for identifying and contacting close contacts in a school setting. We were informed of a positive COVID case in school early this morning and as a precautionary measure that class was sent home.

The guidance we have received today from the PHA and EA has been very limited and ambiguous however our school will implement the following measures from Monday 13th September.

- If your child tests positive for COVID please follow the PHA guidance and complete the required period of isolation and notify the school.
- If your child displays any COVID symptoms do not send your child to school, book a PCR test, complete the required period of isolation and notify the school
- If a positive case is reported in your child's class, you can continue to send your child to school unless you are contacted directly by the PHA who will confirm your child has been identified as a close contact.
- If your child has been identified as a close contact, please follow the guidance outlined in the attached flowchart and refer to advice on self-isolation and testing www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating

Our school will continue to keep parents updated of any governmental changes in relation to COVID. All daily sanitary measures will be adhered to in school and we will continue to ensure our school community remains safe during this difficult time. This is a very frustrating time for everybody concerned but your patience, understanding and support is greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

Mr M. Meehan (*Principal*)

Flowchart for PARENTS based on NI Direct website guidance

Only use for pupils in a school setting 03/09/2021

