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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to bring to your attention the procedures to be followed by the school if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 amongst either pupils or staff. This information is from the Schools Pathway Document for Covid-19 which has been put in place by the Department of Health and HSE.

Schools must follow these procedures.

Please note the following key points:

- The response to confirmed cases or outbreaks of Covid-19 in the community or in a school is the responsibility of and will be led and managed by Public Health HSE.
- All decisions as to appropriate actions following a confirmed case or outbreak will be made by their teams in the context of a full Public Health Risk Assessment procedure.
- Any actions to be taken by the school will be communicated directly by Public Health HSE.
- School management will be informed as and when such actions such as exclusion of children or staff; partial or full closure, are deemed necessary on public health grounds.
- If the school is not so informed, it has not been deemed necessary by Public Health.
- When a case of Covid-19 has been confirmed, the Medical Officer of Health and teams will liaise directly with the school and inform them of the confirmed case as necessary and will undertake a Public Health Risk Assessment to inform any further actions and recommendations.
- Every school setting is unique and the definition of close contacts within a school is determined by a risk assessment that will take account of individual factors within each school or class.
- It will not be automatically assumed that a whole class will be deemed as close contacts.
- Close contacts will be directly notified by the HSE and advised to restrict their movements and present for testing on day zero and day seven.

- Close contacts will restrict their movements for 14 days even in the event that Covid 19 is not detected in both of these tests.
- There is no blanket policy to test entire classes or years. The testing strategy will be aligned to the Public Health Risk Assessment.
- In the event of a confirmed case of Covid-19, Public Health will determine between a range of possible interventions which may include exclusion from school and testing of a small group or pod of pupils up to and including closure of the school.
- Communication with staff or families in relation to a suspected or confirmed case is managed by Public Health and the HSE and the school cannot discuss situations relating to pupils/staff/families.

Communication of a positive Covid 19 case, and the procedures to follow, will be communicated by Public Health and not by Rush National School

The advice regarding Covid-19 continues to be:

- maintain social distance;
- wash/sanitise your hands regularly;
- observe coughing and sneezing etiquette;
- stay at home and restrict your movements if you have Covid-19 symptoms or if you are a close contact of someone waiting on a test or someone who is a confirmed case;
- self-isolate for 14 days if you have travelled to a non-green list country.

Please be assured that at all times, the management and staff of Rush National School are working together to do everything possible to keep your children safe.

Yours sincerely,



Principal