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Re: Confirmed case of COVID-19 at your school. Not in school during infectious period. Letter to parents. No close contacts.

A confirmed case of COVID-19 in your school has been notified to the Department of Public Health HSE SE. The person was not in school during the infectious period.

A public health risk assessment has been undertaken and nobody in your school was deemed to be a close contact of the confirmed case. As your child has not been identified as a close contact at this time, your child does not need a test for COVID-19, can continue to attend school, and no further actions are required.

If your child develops any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection (such as a cough, a fever, loss or change in sense of taste or smell), please do not send your child to school, contact your GP and begin restricting your child's movements, as per public health advice. Your household members will now also need to restrict their movements if there is someone symptomatic in the house.

Restricted movement means avoiding contact with other people and social situations as much as possible. It is also sometimes called 'self-quarantine'.

Restricted movement means that your child stays home and:

- Does not go to school.
- Does not use public transport.
- Does not have visitors in your home and does not visit anybody's home.
- Does not go to the shops or pharmacy, unless absolutely necessary.
- Keeps away from older people, anyone with an underlying medical condition and pregnant women.

Further information on COVID-19 is available at: <u>www.hpsc.ie</u> and <u>www.gov.ie</u> Or phone HSE Live at 1850 24 1850

Yours sincerely,

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