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Dear Parents/Carers

## Covid-19 Update

You will have seen on the news the concern surrounding the new Covid-19 variant, Omicron, particularly its ability to spread rapidly, and new guidance in light of this.

All **household contacts** of all positive Covid-19 cases, regardless of which variant, **must now isolate for 10 days**. This applies to everyone in the household, irrespective of age, negative PCR test or vaccination status. Contacts should arrange for PCR testing at their local testing site.

Non-household contacts will be required to self-isolate until a negative PCR result is given.

Schools will be contacted to support case finding and risk assessment. Please be aware that the guidance states that it may necessitate whole classes to isolate if close contacts cannot be identified.

Within school we continue to follow strict procedures: enhanced cleaning including touchpoint cleans during the day; handwashing and sanitising; adults wearing masks; adhering to distancing guidelines. We continue to adhere to class bubbles in the playground and in the dinner hall at lunchtime and at breakfast club ie children sitting in class groups.

We will continue to operate our staggered start and finish times. This is to reduce congestion ie to keep class groups together, and to facilitate social distancing by adults waiting to collect children.

Please ensure that you are socially distanced from other adults outwith your household when dropping off/collecting children. Please do not arrive more than a few minutes before the start/finish times for your child's class. Please leave promptly once you have dropped off/collected your children.

By following the guidance above, you are helping us to keep our children, families and staff safe. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D MacKenna Head Teacher

