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Dear Parent/Guardian

Covid Cases in school

Over the past week we have seen a significant increase in the number of pupils who have tested positive for Covid 19. The Public Health Agency advice for schools to issue a warn and inform letter to parents when there is a confirmed positive case in their child's class. This letter is available on the school website and will be shared with parents via text each time there is a confirmed case in a class. Please ensure the school has an up to date mobile number so you can receive correspondence. Public Health agency will issue a further guidance separately to parents should a cluster of cases in one class be attributed to in school transmission.

In school we continue to follow the Department of Education advice on managing Covid-19 in schools but in light of the recent increase of cases and in an effort to further minimise any potential prospect of further infection **we have decided that our planned school trips for the P4-7 year groups next week should be postponed. Families who have paid for the trips will be fully refunded in due course. We have also paused our extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the term so P2 and P5 Multisport on Wednesdays and P7 Knitting and Gaelic Football will resume in January.**

The planned Christmas dinner for staff has also been cancelled so Thursday 9th December will be a normal school day with no early finish for pupils. Normal home times will apply. Pupil's Christmas Dinner will still be served as planned.

We would ask parents to be extra vigilant and should your child display any symptoms parents should arrange a free PCR test and isolate until the results are received. We would also encourage the use of Lateral flow tests, especially in older pupils when there has been confirmed case in the class. Lateral flow tests will assist in identifying Covid 19 in pupils who may be asymptomatic.

Work for isolating Pupils

School work has been made available online for any pupils who may need to isolate. The work can be found under the parents' tab under home learning. The password to access the work is cullyhanna2020

The work is under the sub heading (Pupils isolating at home) There are Christmas themed activities that can be printed out and completed. Work can be submitted back to the school for feedback via the website also. Should you require printed copies of the work, please contact the school office to arrange collection.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

P.Quinn

Principal