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Dear Parents and Staff

Re: If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school

We do not have any confirmed positive cases of Covid-19 in the school. However, it is only prudent that we consider what procedures are in place to deal with such a situation were it to arise, so that all of us are aware in advance of what happens in such an event.

Safety and Control Measures

The BoM, school leadership and staff are very conscious of the paramount need to keep all pupils, staff and visitors safe while in the school. The school is a controlled environment. There are control measures in place to combat the introduction or spread of COVID-19. These are based on:

- Physical Distancing
- Hand Hygiene
- Respiratory and Hygiene Etiquette
- Mask Wearing, where necessary.

When a person displays symptoms of COVID-19

The following steps are taken when a person (child or adult) in the school presents with suspected COVID-19 symptoms:

- That person is moved to the isolated area prior to going home. In the case of children their parents will be asked to come to the school, take them home and contact their GP for a free telephone consultation
- If the GP recommends that the person (child or adult) go for a COVID-19 test, that person is now considered a query case for COVID-19 and all of his/her household members must restrict their movements until the results of the test come back
- In the case of a negative result (98% of cases), the GP will advise when the person should return to school – usually after 48 hours.
- In the case of a positive result (2% of cases), Public Health will, by law, be informed. This may take a matter of hours due to legal and volume of work issues. The risk has been removed from the school as the person who tested positive and his/her household are at home
- The person tested, or their parents, may well be informed before Public Health. In many cases a social media discussion ensues and anxiety levels are raised among the school community.

Public Health Intervention

The Public Health Department of the HSE is the agency responsible by law for dealing with positive cases of COVID-19:

- Once notified by the HSE testing regime, Public Health Doctors assume total control of the situation and will carry out a risk assessment. Based on questioning the person with the positive result, they will ascertain if they were within the school setting when they contracted the virus. If not, there may be no need to contact the school
- If the person was within the school setting when they contracted the virus, Public Health will contact the principal to carry out a Public Health Risk Assessment. This is a set of

questions to see who might have been exposed to the virus and who needs to be excluded or tested. This risk assessment will be unique to each school

- The principal and BoM have no function in the risk assessment, other than to provide whatever information is required by the Public Health Medical Officer conducting the risk assessment
- The principal and BoM may be asked to assist the Medical Office by sending a message from them to the relevant families identified in the risk assessment. Public Health will not contact other members of the school community
- The principal and BoM are not permitted to inform members of the school community of the identity of the person or persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 for the following reasons:
 - Doctor – Patient confidentiality
 - GDPR legislation prevents the publication of personal data without consent

A thuismitheoirí agus a bhaill foirne,

Maidir le: Dá dtarlódh sé go mbeadh cás deimhneach COVID-19 sa scoil

Níl aon chás deimhneach Covid-19 againn sa scoil. In ainneoin sin, ní mór dúinn machnamh a dhéanamh ar cad na iad nósanna imeachta a thiocfadh i bhfeidhm dá dtiocfadh cás aníos ionas go mbeimid go léir ar an eolas roimhré ar cad a tharlódh ina leithéid de chás.

Bearta Rialaithe agus Sábháilteachta

Tuigeann Bord Bainistíochta na Scoile, Ceannairí na Scoile agus an Fhoireann go maith an tábhacht a ghabhann le gach dalta, ball foirne agus cuairteoir chun na scoile a choiméad sábháilte a fhad is atá siad ar scoil. Is suíomh rialaithe í an scoil. Tá bearta rialaithe i bhfeidhm chun teacht isteach agus scaipeadh an víris a chosc. Tá siad seo bunaithe ar:

- Sláinteachas Láimhe
- Béasaíocht agus Sláinteachas Riospráide
- Caitheamh Clúdaigh Aghaidhe, nuair is gá

Cad ba chóir a dhéanamh má tá comharthaí COVID-19 ar pháiste

Tógfar na céimeanna seo a leanas i gcás go bhfuil comharthaí amhrasta COVID-19 ar dhuine (duine fásta nó páiste) sa scoil: -

- Tabhfar an duine sin go dtí limistéar ainmnithe féinleithlisithe sula seolfar abhaile é/í. I gcás leanaí, iarrfar ar a dtuismitheoirí teacht chun na scoile, iad a thabhairt abhaile agus dul i gcomhairle lena ndochtúir teaghlaigh thar an bhfón
- Má mholann an dochtúir teaghlaigh go rachfadh an duine (duine fásta nó páiste) faoi thástáil COVID-19, caitear leis an duine sin mar chás amhrasta do COVID-19 ón bpointe sin ar aghaidh agus iarrfar ar bhaill de theaghlaigh an linbh sin srian a chur lena ngluaiseacht go dtí go mbeidh an toradh tástála ar eolas.
- I gcás toradh diúltach (98% de chásanna), tabharfaidh an dochtúir teaghlaigh comhairle i dtaobh cathain gur ceart don duine filleadh ar an scoil – de ghnáth i ndiaidh 48 uair a chloig.
- I gcás toradh deimhneach (2% de chásanna), cuirfear an Rannóg Sláinte Poiblí ar an eolas. D'fhéadfadh sé seo cúpla uair a chloig a thógaint de bharr saincheisteanna dlíthiúla agus an méid oibre idir lámha ag an am. Tá baol an víris imithe anois ó shuíomh na scoile toisc go bhfuil an duine leis an toradh tástála deimhneach bainte den scoil agus ag fanacht sa bhaile lena t(h)eaghlach.
- D'fhéadfaí an duine a cuireadh faoi thástáil nó a t(h)uismitheoirí a chur ar an eolas ar dtús sula gcuirfí an Rannóg Sláinte Poiblí ar an eolas. I roinnt mhaith cásanna, scaiptear an scéal ar na meáin shóisialta agus ardaítear an leibhéal imní i measc chomhphobail na scoile dá bharr.

Idirghabháil Sláinte Poiblí

Is é an Rannóg Sláinte Poiblí mar chuid den FSS an gníomhaireacht atá freagrach de réir an dlí as déileáil le cásanna deimhneacha COVID-19: -

- **Chomh luath is a chuireann foireann tástála an FSS ar an eolas iad, déanann dochtúirí Sláinte Poiblí bainistíocht ar an gcás agus déanfar Measúnú Riosca láithreach. Bunaithe ar cheistiúchán an duine leis an toradh tástála deimhneach, gheobhaidh siad amach an raibh sé/sí ar scoil nuair a phioc siad suas an víreas. Muna raibh sé/sí ar scoil b'fhéidir nach mbeidh aon ghá dul i dteagmháil leis an scoil.**
- **I gcás go raibh an duine ar scoil nuair a piocadh suas an víreas, rachaidh an Rannóg Sláinte Poiblí i dteagmháil leis an bPríomhoide chun Measúnú Riosca Sláinte Poiblí a chur i gcrích. Is éard atá i gceist leis ná sraith ceisteanna curtha le chéile le fáil amach cé eile a d'fhéadfadh a bheith i ndiaidh an víreas a phiocadh suas ionas gur féidir leo féinleithlisiú nó tástáil a dhéanamh orthu. Beidh an Measúnú Riosca seo difriúil i gcás gach scoile.**
- **Níl aon bhaint ag an bPríomhoide agus an Bord Bainistíochta leis an Measúnú Riosca lasmuigh de pé eolas atá ag teastáil a thabhairt don Oifigeach Leighis Sláinte Poiblí atá i mbun an Measúnú Riosca.**
- **B'fhéidir go n-iarrfar ar an bPríomhoide agus ar an mBord Bainistíochta teachtaireacht ón Oifigeach Leighis a chur amach chuig na teaghlaigh cuí atá aitheanta sa Mheasúnú Riosca. Ní rachaidh an Rannóg Sláinte Poiblí i dteagmháil le baill eile de chomhphobail na scoile.**
- **Ní cheadaítear don Phríomhoide agus don Bhord Bainistíochta eolas a thabhairt do bhaill de chomhphobail na scoile maidir leis an duine le toradh tástála deimhneach COVID-19 ar na cúiseanna seo a leanas: -**
 - **Rúndacht idir an dochtúir agus an t-othar**
 - **Cuireann reachtaíocht GDPR cosc ar fhoilsiú sonraí pearsanta gan comhthoil an dhuine**

Bartley Ó Gabháin (Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Bainistíochta)

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