

Covid-19 Update – 11.10.20

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today I was informed that one of our school community has tested positive for Covid-19 over the weekend. As a result of our Covid-19 protocols, we have been able to quickly identify potential close contacts and the parents/guardians of those children who are required to self-isolate are in the process of being informed today (Sunday) and a formal letter from the Public Health Agency will be sent to them via Seesaw/Google Classroom later today.

The groups affected are P4H and those pupils who attended the Kadet Klub (P3-P7 pupils only) Wednesday – Friday of last week ie. 07.10.20-09.10.20 inclusive.

If child(ren) are identified as being in close contact with the positive case (see above) they will have to self-isolate for 14 days; however, pupils who are identified as not being in close contact may return to school as normal tomorrow (Monday 12.10.20).

Those pupils self-isolating will be sent work remotely via Seesaw/Google Classroom and in some cases we may also send some work home in paper version if appropriate. Your class teacher will communicate this information to you via your online learning platform ie. Seesaw/Google Classroom.

We have acted quickly and school can continue as normal for every other child not identified as being a 'close contact'.

The PHA definition of a close contact is as follows:

- A person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes;
- A person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or in a large vehicle or plane near someone who has tested positive for COVID-19;
- A person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including:
 - being coughed on;
 - having a face-to-face conversation within one metre;
 - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
 - contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact.

If your child does not meet the criteria for being a close contact in a school setting, they should attend school as normal and will not have received a letter from the PHA via Seesaw/Google Classroom.

I do appreciate the concerns of parents, pupils and the wider school community and wish to reassure you that every precaution has been taken to ensure the safety of pupils and staff is my absolute priority and I will continue to monitor this situation carefully and keep you informed.

T.R. McMaster - Principal