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RE: Confirmed Covid 19 case in the school

Tarbert Comprehensive School

Dear Parents,

I wish to confirm that additional positive Covid-19 cases have been tested among our students. Thankfully all students are doing well and we wish them and their families a swift recovery. The HSE have been informed and have linked with the School. The HSE will link directly with any close contacts and may be in further communication with parents.

I wish to stress a few points for parents that would greatly assist the school and the HSE in any confirmed case. **Firstly please contact the school immediately if a case is confirmed in your family.** The school can be emailed at admin@tarbertcs.ie at weekends or phoned on 06836105 during the week. Regrettably the school isn't always the first to know of positive cases and this hampers our liaison with the HSE. **I am pleading with students and parents to link to the school immediately once the case is confirmed – if this is not done the School is immediately on the back foot and unaware of positive cases.**

Secondly these new confirmed cases are all linked to the first confirmed case and all were identified as part of the HSE contact tracing process. It is reassuring to know that the contact tracing process is working effectively in identifying those affected.

Thirdly all cases have so far been associated with exposure to the virus outside of the school environment e.g. household or social settings. At the moment, there has been no incidence where transmission of the virus within the school is suspected by HSE public health.

I know that this is a worrying and stressful time for everybody and the anxiety may have become heightened in recent days with the numbers growing nationally. It is therefore even more important that everybody takes personal responsibility to limit the spread of the virus over the coming weeks. I am asking students not to meet up socially outside of school. The HSE are liaised with whenever a new case is confirmed and all our actions are guided by their advice.

For students who are absent due to positive testing, HSE restricted movement etc. classwork will be sent home by student Gmail. Staff are continuing to work hard to implement public health advice and provide a high quality education as safely as possible.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and support to date at this hugely difficult time. As one final point, I would ask you to leave your children at home if they are feeling unwell, awaiting a test result or if they are an identified close contact awaiting a test result.

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