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Tarbert Comprehensive School

**RE: Confirmed Covid 19 case in the school**

Dear Parents,

I wish to confirm that a positive Covid-19 case has been tested among one of our students. Happily the student is doing well and we wish them a speedy recovery. The HSE has been informed and has linked with the School. The HSE will link directly with any close contacts and may be in further communication with parents.

Naturally, some fear exists in the school community and this is entirely natural. However I wish to emphasise from a school perspective that teaching and learning goes on as normal and all students (other than those medically informed to self-isolate etc.) should be in full attendance. After all, this is likely to become part of our lives for the foreseeable future.

The school will send work home to those students who:

- Are diagnosed Covid 19 positive
- Informed to self-isolate by HSE staff
- Classed as close contacts by HSE staff and instructed to get tested

The School is not in a position to send work home to students who choose to remain off.

I wish to assure parents that students in the school have been hugely cooperative since reopening regarding safety protocols and sanitisation etc. That said there is also a personal responsibility on students to adhere to those protocols and it is something we stress daily. The school is also cleaned throughout the day and each evening making it safe for students.

As a final point I wish to stress it is important to remember that the confirmed case is no longer in the School and therefore the risk of onward transmission from the student has been removed from the school setting.

I wish you all well and I will endeavour to keep you up to date as much as possible while at the same time respecting people's privacy and confidentiality and following HSE and Department of Education guidelines.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Richard Prendiville', is written over a horizontal line.

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