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Dear Parents/Guardians

In the event of a positive COVID- 19 case involving a member of the school community, Contact Tracing may issue instructions to the school only if action needs be taken by the school, staff, students and parents.

### **Contact Tracing**

Contact tracing identifies people who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 (coronavirus).

It is done to try to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community. The people who do this work are 'contact tracers'. Contact tracers may contact you if your daughter:

- tests positive for COVID-19
- is a close contact of someone who has tested positive

If your daughter is a close contact they will advise her to restrict her movements for 14 days. They will also arrange for her to get tested.

### **If your daughter has COVID-19 symptoms**

Please refer to the link below:

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html>

### **If your daughter tests positive**

If your daughter tests positive for COVID-19 a contact tracer will call you. They will ask for contact details for any of her close contacts, particularly those in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms.

### **If your daughter tests positive and has symptoms**

They will ask about people and places your daughter has visited 48 hours before her symptoms started and until she started self-isolating.

### **If your daughter tests positive but does not have symptoms**

They will only ask about people and places she has visited 24 hours before her test took place and until she started self-isolating. There is practically no risk in passing on the virus, especially if she is practicing social distancing.

### **If your daughter is a close contact**


If your daughter is a close contact of someone who has tested positive you will receive a call from a contact tracer. Your daughter will have to:

- get tested for COVID-19
- restrict her movements for 14 days - even if your daughter's test comes back negative

A contact tracer will arrange a COVID-19 test even if your daughter do not have symptoms.

She may be referred for 2 tests if she is a close contact. The first test will be straight away. The second test will be around 7 days after her last contact with the person who tested positive.

Thank you again for your support in these matters. Stay safe and well.

  
Deirdre Gogarty  
**Principal**