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Regarding return to school following a confirmed case of Covid-19 in our school.

Dear Parents,

The Department of Public Health HSE West was notified of a confirmed case of Covid- 19 in our school and last Saturday April 17th the school engaged with the HSE and a public health risk assessment was undertaken. Parents of any children deemed to be close contacts of the confirmed case were contacted and advised accordingly.

Regarding children who were identified as a close contact to a confirmed contact of Covid-19 in our school and were restricting their movements, they can return to school if they have a 'not detected' result from their test conducted on Day 10.

The school have not and will not receive any results of these tests from the HSE, so we ask parents to follow the advice they receive from the HSE regarding ending their restriction of movements.

All parents/guardians must complete a Return to Education Form in respect of all children returning to school this Monday April 26th following the end to their restricting of movements.

Please click [here](#) to fill the Return to Education Form.

To minimise the numbers gathering at the start and the end of school we will continue with the timetable of staggered drop off and collection times.

Supervision is from 9:15 a.m. to 3:20p.m. The Board of Management cannot accept responsibility for any pupils on the school premises outside of these hours. **There are no services on offer from Ardcarne Community Childcare services until further notice.** The school buses are operating as per their normal schedule.

We ask that people refrain from parking in the area in front of the school gate as this area is reserved for the school bus to safely drop off and collect their passengers.

We ask that all students arrive and are collected at agreed times please. **We ask that students do not leave their vehicle and enter the school grounds until a staff member opens and is present at the main school gate.** When pupils arrive at the school at their designated time, they must proceed unaccompanied through the open main gate directly to their classroom and are not permitted to congregate/play in the school yard on arrival or on collection from school.

Parents must ensure that appropriate arrangements are put in place for assembly and dismissal of pupils. **We ask that all parents adhere to Public Health Guidelines and please do not congregate at or near the school.**

Staff and Pupils are not to return to school or attend school in the event of the following:

- if they display any signs or symptoms of COVID 19
- If they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19
- If they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus
- If they have travelled outside of Ireland: in such instances they are advised to consult and follow the latest Government Advice in relation to foreign travel.
- Staff and pupils must cooperate with any public health officials and the school for contract tracing purposes and follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please email the teacher, or leave a message on the school phone (071-9667264). We will endeavour to return your email or call as soon as possible. Teachers can be contacted directly by email at the following email addresses:

Class	Teacher	Email address
Junior Infants	Ms. Brennan	deirdrebrennanschool@gmail.com
Senior Infants & 1 st Class	Ms. Conroy/Ms. Brennan	lconroydbrennan@gmail.com
1 st & 2 nd Class	Mr. Conboy	lccootehall@gmail.com
3 rd & 4 th Class	Ms. Tansey	tanya.tansey3@gmail.com
5 th & 6 th Class	Mr. Duffy	cootehallns@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Martin	camartin053@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Gilhooly	agilhoolyschool@gmail.com

Please remember to complete an Absence Form in respect of all children after any absence from school. Please click [here](#) for an Absence Form.

We thank you all for your continued support and patience during this time. We ask everyone to continue to be vigilant regarding public health advice. We look forward to having all students and teachers back at school in the coming days.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact us at the school.

Kind regards, take care and stay safe,

**Cian Duffy
Principal.**