

2nd September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to welcome all the children back to St Columban's for the start of a new school year. As you may be aware Covid cases are high at present in the community and we are doing all we can to make sure everyone in our school community is kept safe and disruption is kept to a minimum. I would ask you as parents to play your part in making sure everyone is kept safe by;

Keeping a social distance at all times when outside the school.

people.

Making sure your child gets a PCR test if you are notified that they are a close contact.

Informing the school if your child tests positive so that we can begin our track and trace.

Making sure your email and phone details are up to date on our system.

On page 2 of this letter you will see a flow chart which gives the latest guidance we are following from the Public Health Authority. I would ask you to read this guidance carefully. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Magee

Principal

STAY AT HOME. Self isolate for 10 days. No PCR test required unless symptoms develop Continue to attend school. If no Continue to attend school. If either test symptoms no PCR test required is positive self isolate for 10 days from continue normal activities if they have Book PCR test on day 2 and Day 8. straightaway. Self isolate for 10 days. Other household members can STAY AT HOME. Book PCR test develop stay at home, get PCR straightaway and self isolate develop stay at home, get PCR straightaway and self isolate STAY AT HOME. Book PCR immediately. Self isolate until another PCR at day 8. If either test is positive need to self-No action. Continue to attend school. If new symptoms No action. Continue to attend school. If new symptoms result available. If negative can return to school. Book required UNLESS positive PCR result or develop **Encourage to book PCR test. Self isolation not** date of test no symptoms PCR result negative - revert to 'no symptom' section of flowchart isolate for 10 days from date of test. until results available PCR result positive. Self isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms. ADVISE SCHOOL of positive result until results available symptoms. partially vaccinated partially vaccinated **Fully vaccinated** Unvaccinated or **Fully vaccinated** Unvaccinated or No previous positive PCR in last 90 days Previous positive PCR No previous positive Previous positive PCR PCR in last 90 days Previous positive PCR No previous positive PCR in last 90 days in last 90 days in last 90 days in last 90 days Guidance Flowchart for Close Contacts of a immediately. Self isolate until STAY AT HOME. Book PCR results received 18 yrs and above Staff member Covid case in a school setting 19/08/2021 Pupil p1-Y14 **Pupil Nursery** 0-4 **Public Health** Agency å Yes Symptoms of Covid-19?