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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to inform you that a member of our school community has tested positive for Covid-19.

I have sought the most up-to-date advice from the Public Health Agency (PHA). Please see information below that comes directly from the PHA.



*Health Protection Duty Room*  
*Public Health Agency*  
*12-22 Linenhall Street*  
*Belfast*  
*BT2 8BS*  
*Website:-*  
*[www.publichealth.hscni.net](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net)*

RE: Confirmed COVID case in St John the Baptist Primary School

The Public Health Agency has been notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the St. John the Baptist Primary School community.

The Public Health Agency has worked with the school principal to undertake a risk assessment to identify people who have been in close contact with the case. These individuals have been advised to stay at home and isolate.

In completing this risk assessment your child has **not** been identified as a close contact in the school setting and does not need to make any change to their usual routine, including school attendance.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child, or anyone in your household, develops any of these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. Testing for all symptomatic individuals in Northern Ireland can be booked at [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test) . When the result is known further advice will be available.

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### **How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### **Further information**

For further information, please see the Public Health Agency website

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus> or contact NHS 111. If your child feels unwell and you are worried about their symptoms or about anyone else in the home, please contact your GP.

I do appreciate the concerns of parents, pupils and the wider school community and wish to reassure you that every precaution has been taken.

Ensuring the safety of pupils and staff is my absolute priority and I will continue to monitor this situation carefully and keep you informed.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely

C. McCooe  
Principal