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Dear Parents,

I would like to extend my gratitude to you in continuing to help with the school's Covid Response Plan. Your attentiveness and judgement has made our school a safer, happier place. This same high vigilance is at the forefront of everything we do at school each day.

Presenting With Symptoms

If we are worried that your child is presenting with symptoms we will be following the school's Covid action plan that has been outlined in previous newsletters. We will be asking parents to make contact immediately with their child's GP in this scenario. **It is important to reiterate that in the event of a Covid case within the school Public Health authorities will manage the situation and they will liaise with school management.** The greatest confidentiality will be attached to these matters as outlined by government guidelines issued in late August.

Negative Test Results

In the event where a child has tested negative for Covid 19 but yet still displays symptoms the child should not return to school for at least 48 hours until all the symptoms have passed.

Household Members Displaying Symptoms

If there is a member of the household who is displaying symptoms the children in that household should not come to school until that member has received a negative Covid result and that the children themselves are Covid Symptom free.

Close Contacts

If your child or member of your house has been informed by Public Health authorities that they are a close contact of someone who has recently tested positive for Covid 19 then children in this household should not come to school. In this instance, **further advice should be sought from Public Health Authorities or your GP. Schools do not have the authority to inform parents that other school households are in self-isolation.** In addition, schools may not be informed by Public Health that families are in self-isolation.

School Work in Self Isolation

If your child is in self-isolation and is able to complete school work please make contact with your school teacher via email or by ringing the school phone. It can be arranged for school books to be collected also.

In the Event of School Closure

Parents will be asked to collect their children's school books at a predesignated time should the school have to close. Provisions are currently in place for distance learning should the need arise. In the event of a school closure our school will use the educational app Seesaw. In the coming week the children will be uploading work to Seesaw so they become familiar with the platform. Your child's class teacher will be giving you greater information of this work in the coming days. The children in the Senior Room are also working with Google Classroom. The school has 20 iPads available to families should the need arise during possible Covid related school closures.

Updating Details

We ask that you inform the school of your most up to date contact details so that we are prepared for a scenario where contact tracing may have to be organised. A recent text was sent regarding County Photos on Wednesday. If you did not receive that from the school we therefore do not have your correct mobile number. Please email kilricklens@gmail.com with your mobile number if this is the case.

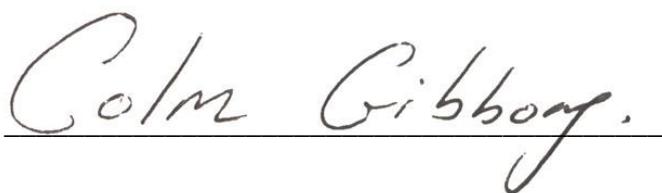
Further Information

For further information please see <https://www.education.ie/covid19>. If you have any concerns regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me via email: mrgibbons@kilricklens.com.

School Planning Half Day.

Our school will be closed for a half day this Friday, September 25th to facilitate a school planning day. We kindly ask that the children be **collected at 12.30pm** from the school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and I hope you have a lovely weekend.



Colm Gibbons
Principal
Kilrickle N.S.