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Dear Parents,

On Monday changes to contact tracing arrangements will come into effect for children in primary schools. These changes are outlined in full at this link: <u>HSE Contact Tracing Update for Primary</u> <u>Schools</u>.

In short, these are the important points that we need to be aware of:

- 1. Children who display <u>Covid-19 Symptoms</u> should not attend school.
- 2. Children who are identified as close contacts of a positive case in their class and who show no symptoms will no longer be required to restrict their movements and will be able to attend school.
- 3. Children who attend our special classes and are identified as a close contact of a positive case in their class may still be required to restrict their movements (not attend school) and be referred for testing. However, they will usually only need to restrict their movement for five days and be referred for one test.
- 4. Children who are identified as close contacts from a household positive case will still need to restrict their movements and get a test.
- 5. All Covid-19 prevention measures in place in our school are to remain in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation to date with all our Covid measures and especially for your vigilance in keeping your children at home when unwell. Please feel free to contact me about any of the above by emailing <u>micheal.hyland@geashillns.ie</u> or by calling 057 9343754.

Yours faithfully,

Mícheál Hyland