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Dear Parent

2.12.20

A positive case of COVID-19 has been identified within the school community. Please can I reassure you that I am working with the Public Health Agency and following their advice. Your son/daughter has not been identified as a contact but please read the letter from the PHA.

School will continue as normal for your son/ daughter. However, please can you talk to your child and advise them to wear their masks in the school corridors, communal areas and on buses and taxis. It is also critical that your child washes their hands regularly and properly throughout the school day to keep themselves safe.

The staff and myself are continuing to work hard to keep our school a safe learning environment and we appreciate your support at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully

*M Shilliday*

Mrs Shilliday  
Principal

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

RE: Confirmed COVID case in Drumglass High School, Dungannon

The Public Health Agency has been notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Drumglass High School, Dungannon 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.

### **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

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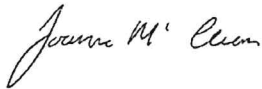
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

**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.

Yours sincerely,

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