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Dear Parents,

Over the weekend some staff members became unwell with symptoms of Covid-19, myself included. We have had PCR tests and are awaiting results. Unfortunately, test results have returned positive for Covid-19 in a number of cases.

I have spoken to the chairperson of the Board of Management and on grounds of health and safety and in line with Public Health advice, pupils in Le Chéile 1 (Junior Le Chéile) will be not attending school for the next few days. We are working as best we can to ensure a safe return to school for those pupils as quickly as possible. We have notified the HSE of our situation and public health have been in contact and are advising on the matter.

All other classes can attend school as normal.

As we approach Christmas it is important that we remember to follow all guidance around reducing the risk of Covid-19. The current variant of the virus is highly infectious and widespread in the community. Primary school aged children are now the largest unvaccinated group of our population, and we need to be mindful that they are particularly vulnerable to infection.

I again remind you that if your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. Their illness may not be Covid-19, but, however mild your child's symptoms may appear, they could indicate a Covid-19 infection.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards

Greg Gilligan