



BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal | Mr Richard Woolsey, BEd (Hons), PQH

8th December 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Covid-19

I hope that this letter finds you well.

You will be aware from the media that the new Omicron variant of Covid-19 has now been detected in Northern Ireland, obviously this is causing anxiety and poses a challenge for everyone.

My primary focus is getting the entire school community, to Friday the 17th December safely, as I do not want anyone to be sick over Christmas, this means adopting a very cautious approach. To help me to do this I would again appeal for your support and co-operation with the following:

1. If your child is unwell in any way please keep them at home until they are better. Children should not be in school if they are not well enough to be here, this is not fair on the child and it puts the health of other pupils and staff at risk. I would remind parents that if a child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they should be kept at home and not return to school for 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Please see more detailed guidance on how long you need keep pupils at home, when they are sick at:
<https://tinyurl.com/yrypvhj>
<https://tinyurl.com/2ftth5j5>
2. If your child is displaying any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms, please keep them at home and book a PCR Test.
3. If your child receives a positive PCR test result please inform the school immediately and ensure they self isolate.
4. If anyone in your household tests positive for Covid-19, please do not send other pupils to school. This is to protect our school community as much as possible as we have seen in many cases that when one person gets Covid-19 in a household the other children eventually get it as well.
5. Please encourage your children to adhere to the mitigations of good hand hygiene, good respiratory hygiene, staying in their bubbles, social distancing and not sharing things.
6. Please ensure that you wear a face covering when coming into the school grounds and keep a social distance from other parents.

Finally, a reminder to inform the school of all absences so that the proper absence code can be applied to the absence when the teacher is marking the roll. If no reason for absence is given it will be marked as an Unauthorised Absence. This can be done by emailing jsloan341@c2kni.net, leaving a phone message by pressing Option 1 or sending in a note to the teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation as we try to keep the entire school community safe in the lead up to Christmas.

Yours faithfully

Richard Woolsey
Principal