

Spire's Integrated Primary School, Magherafelt

18 October 2020

Dear Staff member,

RE: Confirmed COVID case in Spire's Integrated Primary School, Magherafelt

The Public Health Agency has been notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Spire's Integrated Primary School, Magherafelt. 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 you have **not** been identified as a close contact in the school setting and do not need to make any change to your 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 you, 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 . 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

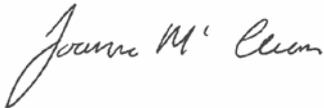
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- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and 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 you feel unwell and you are worried about your symptoms or about anyone else in the home, please contact your GP.

Yours sincerely,



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