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Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that the Primary 6 Bubble has had a member of the class test positive for Covid-19. PHA has informed me that all children and adults must now seek a PCR test which can be booked at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Unfortunately, under the direction of the PHA, **your child must now self-isolate** until they have received a **negative PCR Test result**. The only exception to this is if your child has previously had a **positive PCR test in the last 90 days**. In which case they do not need to self-isolate or to book a test.

Under the direction of PHA, your child **will not be able to return to school** until they have had either a negative PCR test or that have previously tested positive with the last 90 days.

Your child can therefore only return to school on Monday if:

- They have had a negative PCR test result

or

- They have a previous positive PCR test within the last 90 days.

I would be grateful if you could send a screenshot with evidence of the above to our school info account:

info@magherafeltps.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk

Unfortunately, the PHA state that only a PCR test is sufficient evidence. A lateral flow test will not be counted as sufficient evidence of a negative result. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, we are simply following the direction of the PHA. I hope we will see all the children on Monday.

Kind regards,

Ian Somerville
Principal