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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin week 4 of the new school year, we are familiarising ourselves with the new guidance in relation to the management of Covid Cases. The PHA, DE and EA issued new guidance on Friday 17th September. The PHA will continue to support our school in providing advice through joint risk assessments for every positive case. I am sure you will appreciate the challenges that this ever changing guidance presents but please be assured that all decisions in respect of health and safety will have our pupil’s best interests put first.

Unfortunately, we have received confirmation of three positive Covid cases from within our school community over the weekend. All close contacts have been identified and appropriate actions take in consultation with PHA. For all other parents/carers the advice is to read the new ‘Warn and Advise’ letter’ which gives an outline of the latest advice. If any pupil is considered to be a ‘close contact’ then you will receive a phone call or text message from the school to let you know and what action to take.

Health and Safety remains our highest priority at Knockavoe whilst we continue to work through the daily challenges that Covid presents. Your cooperation with procedures is greatly appreciated and we aim to have minimal impact to school provision, where possible.

Kind regards

Sharon Cassidy