



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

19/10/2020

**Re: Confirmed case of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) at Gallen Community school
Ferbane**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have been notified that a person has tested positive for Covid-19 (coronavirus) in your child's school. The Department of Public Health - Midlands has carried out a full public health risk assessment. No pupils and no staff have been identified as close contacts.

Please try not to worry. Your child has not been identified as a close contact. This means that they do not need to be tested for Covid-19. Your child can continue to go to school and to all their usual activities as normal.

We are asking you to:

1. Keep an eye on your child for any symptoms of Covid-19 until 29/10/2020. Symptoms of Covid-19 include a fever (temperature of 38°C or higher), cough, shortness of breath or any loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.
2. Please make sure you are contactable by phone just in case we get new information and need to speak with you.

What if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus?

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus, you need to:

- Isolate your child – this means keep them at home and completely avoid contact with other people. This includes other people in your household.
- Phone your GP or out-of-hours GP service for advice. Contact them immediately if your child's symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) get worse.
- Restrict the movements of everyone in the house. This means other people in the house should try to avoid coming into contact with others, and should not go to work or to school or childcare.

More information

- Up to date information and advice on Covid-19 is available on hse.ie.
- If you have any queries you can call HSELive on 1850 24 1850.

We thank you for your help and support to keep the school system running safely as we live with Covid-19.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dr Kathleen Dunne'.

Dr Kathleen Dunne SMO Public Health, IMC 23777