GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE
Coláiste na Dea-Chomhairle
New Ross, Co. Wexford

An Augustinian School

November 19th 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The HSE have only today confirmed a single case of COVID-19 in our school on November 5th.

A public health risk assessment has been undertaken and **no close contacts were identified**.

If you have not been contacted your child is NOT deemed a close contact at this time and therefore, he does not need a test for COVID-19 and can continue to attend school, and no further actions are currently required.

However, if your child develops any symptoms, suggestive of COVID-19 infection such as:

- a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above) - including having chills
- a new cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- runny or blocked nose
- nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- aches and pains or tiredness
- sore throat
- headache,

parents must then ensure that their son self-isolates and contact their GP for advice regarding a COVID-19 test or attend a walk-in test centre.

Given that there is now a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school, we ask parents and staff to remain on high alert and to continue to implement or Covid Response Plan and Operational Guidelines.

Many thanks to all for their co-operation with the public health guidelines and with us as a school. We wish the student concerned the very best and a speedy recovery.

Kind regards

Mark O'Brien

Principal