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Dear Parent/Guardian.

During the last 24 hours, I have been notified of three positive cases of COVID-19 associated within our school, in Primary 5B. One of the positive cases in the 'bubble' was last in school on Thursday 9 December.

PHA have assumed responsibility to 'contact trace' from Friday 10 September 2021, with changes in guidelines on how a school close contact is identified:

- Someone who stayed in the same household as an infected person overnight
- Someone who had intimate contact with an infected person overnight
- Someone who was on a school trip overnight with an infected person
- Someone who provided or received personal care from an infected person

As principal, I feel I have a duty of care towards our school community. <u>Under guidance, unless you are notified by PHA, your child should continue to attend school.</u> If, however, there are circumstances within your household/ family and you have concerns that your child has been within a class bubble of a positive case, or if your child is displaying symptoms, you may wish to book a PCR test for your child to help give you peace of mind.

Most recent information from PHA to schools has been that if a child is displaying sickness in the form of tiredness, headache and stomach upset, then we should advise parents to book a PCR test for their child.

Only positive results now need to be forwarded to school.

Your support is very much appreciated.

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Yours sincerely

B Guthrie, Principal