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## *Rathfriland High School*

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Principal: Mr I Matthews, MEd., BEd.(Hons), PQH (NI)

23<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to inform you that a member of our school community has tested positive for Covid-19.

I have sought the most up-to-date advice from the Public Health Agency (PHA) and those members of staff identified as close contacts have been advised to isolate and the areas affected will undergo an enhanced clean. In this instance we have not identified any pupils as close contacts.

I regret to inform you that from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December inclusive, the school Dining Hall will not be able to provide a lunchtime service. All pupils should bring a packed lunch with them during this time.

**Pupils who receive Free School Meals will receive a packed lunch during this period.**

The EA catering staff will provide a modified lunch service to all pupils today (23<sup>rd</sup> November).

School remains open as normal during this time. Please encourage your child to continue to follow procedures for washing their hands on arrival in school, wearing a face mask in the corridors, maintaining social distance as far as possible and making use of hand sanitising stations.

I do appreciate the concerns of parents, pupils and the wider school community and wish to reassure you that every precaution has been taken.

Ensuring the safety of pupils and staff is my absolute priority and I will continue to monitor this situation carefully and keep you informed.

Parents with any questions or concerns are welcome to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Ian Matthews

Principal