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**Re:** Confirmed case of COVID-19 in Balla Secondary School, Co Mayo

Dear Parent,

A confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Leaving Cert year of your child's school, has been notified to the Department of Public Health HSE West.

A public health risk assessment has been undertaken and close contacts of the confirmed case have been contacted and advised accordingly.

If your child has not been identified as a close contact at this time, your child does not need a test for Covid-19, they can continue to attend school, and no further actions are required at this time.

If your child develops symptoms (such as a cough, a fever, shortness of breath or breathing difficulties, loss or change in sense of taste or smell) - they should be isolated immediately and you should phone your GP for further advice, and any siblings and any other individuals sharing your accommodation should restrict their movements, as per current public health advice.

Further information on COVID-19 is available at: [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) [www.hpsc.ie](http://www.hpsc.ie) and [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie)

Yours sincerely,

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