

# Drumshanbo Vocational School

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

This is an update on the letters posted here last week. I'm pleased to report that the HSE has notified us of no further cases of Covid in our school. The six cases reported already are confined to Sixth Year and Third Year and all students in those years are to remain out of school until the HSE deem it safe for them to return. All of those with the second negative test should be returning in the coming days.

I want to assure parents that we are adhering to our Covid Response Plan and following all public health guidelines to prevent the spread of the infection in our school. Nevertheless, I understand that some parents still have concerns and we respect their decision to keep their children at home, especially if there is a vulnerable person in the household.

Teachers will do their best to keep all those students electing to stay at home updated on TEAMS, either through live classes or by leaving work. Whether the classes are live or not will depend largely on how many are actually present in the school and how many decide to stay at home. Those students staying at home should log on to their TEAMS accounts every day as in the lockdowns. Those students that do log on will be marked present (Online) in class.

Further useful information may be obtained from the HSE web-site, or on the HSE freephone number : 1850241850.

The staff and I are deeply appreciative of your patience, understanding and co-operation at this very difficult time for our staff and especially for our students. I also want to thank parents for their letters of support and encouragement, especially over the past two weeks. .

We all look forward to a return to normality soon.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Fallon