



## **John Scottus Primary & Pre-School**

### **Information Sheet on Parents Guidance for Non-Attending if a Child is Symptomatic.**

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a new coronavirus (SARSCoV-2), which is spread mainly through tiny droplets scattered from the nose and mouth of a person with infection. The droplets can be scattered when the infected person coughs, sneezes, talks or laughs. To infect you, it has to get from an infected person's nose or mouth into your eyes, nose or mouth. This can happen - if:

- You come into close contact with someone who is shedding the virus and who is coughing or sneezing
- You touch - with your hands - surfaces or objects that someone who has the virus has coughed or sneezed on, and then touch your mouth, nose or eyes without having washed your hands thoroughly.

The virus that causes COVID-19 does not spread through the air over long distances (it is not airborne). This means that being in the same big room or in the same outside play area does not spread infection unless people are very close to each other or are touching the same things.

COVID – 19 Symptoms include:

- fever (high temperature)
- cough
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing.

Please keep up to date with most recent health advice from HSE and contact us if you have any concerns or questions.