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**TO:** Mr John Brennan, Principal – Athboy National School  
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**RE:** *Closure of educational facility on Public Health grounds*  
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The Department of Public Health, HSE North-East was alerted today of the closure of the aforementioned educational facility due to concerns of a communicable disease without our involvement.

The Health Protection Team has undertaken a risk assessment around the circumstances that prompted this closure, and have determined that there is no evidence for closing the facility on Public Health grounds as related to risk of transmission of a communicable disease.

I hope that this letter provides clarity around this matter.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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