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16th March, 2020

Reference: Coronavirus – COVID -19

Dear Parent/Guardian

I write to you regarding the ongoing concern, confusion and developments in relation to the Coronavirus and the potential impact that this is going to have on our school.

Today the Department of Education advised that schools should remain open but to be prepared for an inevitable closure. They stated that this could be for an extended period. In response to this announcement I have consulted with the Chairperson of our Board of Governors, Kevin Curran, other Principals and staff. We have reluctantly decided to move three designated staff training days (Dates: 26th May, 29th and 30th June) forward from the third term to this week. **School will remain closed to the children for the remainder of this week: Monday 16th - Friday 20th March.**

These three days will give staff specific time to prepare work for an extended school closure. It will also give us some time to reflect on the most recent guidance and reopen on Monday 23rd March, unless the Department of Education advises otherwise.

All of the children received homework packs on Friday. They can begin to complete the work that has been included in these packs and some of the specified online activities. Teachers will assign work on Mathletics for children to complete from Wednesday morning.

I do apologise for the short notice and I realise that this will put added pressure on you to arrange childcare for the remainder of the week but I hope you can appreciate that this is not a decision that has been taken lightly. Please be assured that we have tried to take into consideration the best interests of all our children, their families, our staff and the wider school community when making this very difficult but necessary decision.

If you have any queries, suggestions or concerns please contact me at the school on Wednesday 18th March.

Take care and all the best,

Tomás Mc Kee

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Principal