

An Domhnach 22ú Márta 2020.

Re: School Closure due to Covid 19 – General Guidance to Parents.

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope this note finds you all well and safe at this time. We are all in an unprecedented situation and we must all continue to play our part to halt the spread of the Covid 19 Virus. We look forward with hope to the conclusion of this pandemic and the return to normality in our lives D.V.

I am conscious that the current necessary restrictions are having a significant impact on all our lives and especially on the lives of the primary school going population. It is likely that the current school closure will be extended beyond March 29th next.

Our Mainstream Class Teachers will issue a short weekly programme of work and suggested activities to each class via Aladdin Connect at 6pm today Sunday, and each Sunday thereafter until school resumes.

In these circumstances the content is **not formal 'homework' or 'tuition' and** will include guidance on accessing online resources and materials. **It will also suggest and encourage activities such as art and craft, baking, gardening, nature walks and other outdoor activities.**

The rationale behind this is to endeavour to assist families and the wider school community at this time. It is in no way intended to add to the anxiety which many are experiencing in trying to balance this new temporary reality in our daily lives.

I am conscious that many are trying to maintain their work lives, child care and all other family responsibilities and considerations within the parameters of the H.S.E. guidance at this time. I hope that this note provides some clarity, in as far as possible at this stage, as regards school activities.

We will of course resume normal service when permitted and all our children will return to regular routines and learning seamlessly.

Please convey the best wishes of the entire staff to all our pupils and a special Happy Mothers' Day to the wonderful moms. I will be in touch again in the near future.

Finally, please follow the H.S.E. guidelines and advice fully especially as regards social distancing at this critical stage.

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Marc Sheehan - Principal.