

12th March 2020

Dear Parents,

As Covid-19 continues to dominate our news we would like to inform you of our schools actions as we deal with it.

The school is pro-active in promoting best practice, to minimise risk to pupils, staff, parents/guardians and visitors. We are in frequent contact with the HSE and Department of Education and are updated on a daily basis with their expert advice.

- Health Promoting Strategies in our School
 - Effective handwashing techniques are demonstrated to all pupils.
 - Education around reducing the spread of germs and infections.
 - Hand sanitizers in all classrooms and public areas
 - Display of Awareness Raising Charts/Posters throughout the school
 - Frequent disinfection of door/toilet handles
 - Washing of classroom tables
 - All children and staff will sanitise hands on arrival in school each morning
- Parents/Guardians, we ask for your support and co-operation in the following ways:
 - If your child is unwell, please keep him/her at home and seek medical advice. Notify the school if requested to do so by your GP or the HSE.
 - Ensure that your child brings a pack of tissues to school with him/her each day.
 - Ensure each child has his own tin whistle for music.

Moving forward in the event of the school being told to close by the Department of Education each teacher has set a programme of work for children to complete while off. Older children will be able to complete some work online. This facility will be explained to the children.

In the event of the school remaining open we have decided not to attend blitzes, planned events (should they not be cancelled) as a precautionary measure. This decision to be reviewed regularly as the whole situation evolves.

We remind you that the children are going home tomorrow Friday 13th at 12.30, to facilitate staff training. We are closed March 16th and 17th for St. Patrick's weekend. School will reopen on Wednesday March 18th unless we are directed by the Department of Education not to do so.

In the event of this happening you will be informed by text.

Working together as a school community, we will promote a healthy and safe environment for all. Thank you for your continued co-operation and support on this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

Eilish Finnegan,
Principal