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Dear Parents / Carers

Corona Virus Update 17 March 2020

Following on from our email to parents yesterday the advice from the UK Government has changed. In light of this new information we would like to inform you of the following:

- We will be closing the annexe building from Wednesday 18 March 2020 and moving classrooms to the main school. F1 children should be brought to Mrs Carney / Mrs Fitzgerald's Year 1 classroom, they should also be collected from there. F2 children should be brought to the double doors between the Year 2 classrooms and Mrs Carrol's Year 1 classroom, they should also be collected from there. F1 and F2 toast club children should be brought to Mrs Carney / Mrs Fitzgerald's classroom. Staff will be available to support parents tomorrow.
- If you have anyone within your household with symptoms your whole household need to self-isolate for 14 days, not 7 days as advised yesterday. Any children including siblings who have self-isolated this week will not be permitted to attend school for 14 days from their first day of absence.
- Homework packs are available for all pupils F1 to YR6 who are not in school due to the new guidance. Packs can be collected from the main school office within normal school hours. Please send a family member or friend to collect to minimise the risk to our staff and children.
- Wrap Around Care (Toast Club / After School Club): Regrettably we have had to make a very difficult decision to stop all wrap around care starting from Monday 23 March 2020. The school has a number of staff absences at present and moving forward we are expecting more, closing Toast Club and After School club will hopefully give us some flexibility to cover the main school hours. Our 30 hour and full day care children will currently still attend their normal sessions (pupils in F1). We will inform parents if this changes but we are not expecting to re-introduce childcare until after Easter.
- Easter Holiday Club: Unfortunately we are now unable to run the Easter Holiday Club. All children who are booked into club will receive a refund as soon as we are able to process it.

To protect our staff and children we aim to reduce the number of non-essential visitors to the school, therefore the following will be cancelled from today.



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- Tontine
- Year 6 Booster Sessions
- Parents Chess
- Inclusion After School Clubs
- Year 1 Phonics Meeting
- All class mass and assemblies
- Year 3 & 4 Play (postponed)
- Year 3 Holy Communion Meeting

During this uncertain time we will keep all parents updated with any changes via email, please ensure you monitor your inbox regularly. We will keep you updated with new important information as outlined by Public Health, DfE, Government etc as soon as we have new guidance.

As a final note school remains open and we are taking all necessary steps to ensure all of our staff and children remain safe, healthy and worry free.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school office and we will do our utmost to help you.

Kind Regards

Mrs E McGunigall

Headteacher



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