

15th March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

You will be aware that tomorrow, Monday 16th March 2020 was intended to be a normal teaching day with all pupils present for class.

In light of the ongoing concerns regarding the Covid-19 virus, we have decided that **pupils will remain at home tomorrow** **Monday 16th March** and again on Tuesday 17th March, St Patrick’s Day, as already planned on our school calendar.

Monday 16th March will instead be used as a staff Inset Day and we will use the time to trial all of the arrangements we have made for virtual learning with our pupils should an even longer period of closure be announced in the coming days.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to you at such short notice but I know you will appreciate we are all dealing with a very serious situation and we are keeping the health and well-being of our whole school community front and centre as we navigate our way through this.

I know too you will join with us as a Catholic community in offering prayers especially for those who are ill at this time, the health care providers, public health officials and all community leaders.

May God bless you all and your extended family.

Yours sincerely

Geraldine Donnelly