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**COVID-19 (Coronavirus)** 

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Dear parents/guardians and students,

In light of recent updates regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) I wish to provide the following information which you will have no doubt seen in the media.

We are following the HSE guidelines and advice which are available via the following link: <a href="https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html">https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html</a>.

All information provided specifically to schools in relation to Coronavirus – Covid 19 will continue to be communicated to parents/guardians and learners through our usual channels – text message, school website and social media.

- This issue is monitored on a daily basis and the school will follow the advice provided by the relevant statutory authorities.
- All students are <u>advised to wash their hands thoroughly</u> (with warm soap and water for at least 15 seconds) and frequently.
- Additionally, they are asked to <u>practice proper respiratory hygiene when coughing or</u>
  <u>sneezing and not to share utensils, drinks bottles</u> etc. and to avoid unnecessary contact
  through hand shaking etc.
- Every student should ensure that they are able to access their email address as provided by the school. Whilst we hope that school closure will not be necessary as a consequence of this Coronavirus outbreak, it is important that students be able to access emails for work/notes that may be provided by teachers in the event of such a closure. Students with a difficulty in this regard should speak to Ms P. O Connor.
- Summary sheets of instructions for students on how to access schoolwork will be distributed in the school and will also be available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal