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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

It is deep regret I am writing to inform you that due to concerns around the Coronavirus, combined with the official guidance around self-isolation for those people who are in high risk groups our staff absence has reached an untenable level. **From tomorrow Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the Nursery, Primary school and Secondary school will close to all students.** This decision has not been arrived at easily, but we are no longer able to provide a safe-educational environment for all our students. At this stage, the school will remain closed until further notice. Please check our website for regular updates as we try address this unprecedented situation.

All students, primary and secondary will be provided with work in all curriculum areas appropriate to their needs. In addition, the school website will have comprehensive links to both Primary and Secondary learning sites in all subject areas, which will support the work the students have been set.

You will, I am sure given the current climate, want to ensure that children are not in the local community during core school hours and, to make planning easier, students should generally aim to do work for particular subjects at the timings indicated on their normal timetable wherever possible.

While staff will endeavour to set sufficient work of a suitably challenging level, if secondary students find they need additional work, they can always fall back on English, Maths and Science via on-line sites such as BBC Bitesize and the many sites the students regularly access during the normal course of their day to day studies.

I am directing staff to avoid personal 1:1 communication with students in almost all cases. However, if you, or your child, emails the admin email address above, we will try to respond as soon as we are able to. The likelihood is that this will not be within 24 hours.

Clearly, this is an unprecedented situation, and we are working hard to manage it as effectively as possible. We really appreciate your patience and understanding.

I will endeavour to communicate with you as regularly as possible via News You Can Use; Class DOJOs in the Primary school and through the Website, which parents should use as their first reference point for regular updates as we work through this period.

Look after yourselves and your loved ones at this really difficult time for everyone.

Very best wishes

Mark Kilmurray  
Headteacher

