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Dear Parent/Guardian

You will have heard the further announcement by the Taoiseach that, in line with public health advice, schools will remain closed until after the Easter holidays, scheduled to reopen on Monday 20th April.

We are living through an unparalleled period of our lives, and it is vital that we respond as proactively as possible in this crisis to continue with the education of our students. It is hoped, by now, the students are coping with their home-schooling and becoming adjusted to these new conditions.

For your son/daughter, it is strongly recommended to continue with a daily schedule of schoolwork, mirroring your son/daughter timetable, where possible. A routine of getting up, sitting prepared at a desk and working for the school day will not only benefit your children's education but will also underpin their mental health, equally important in this evolving situation. The Department of Education have put together some notes which may be particularly beneficial for our younger students. <https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Announcements/guide-for-parents-supporting-children.pdf>

Equally important for our children's well-being is to seek safe exercise times, in line with the advice of the HSE with regards to physical distancing to help avoid the spread of the Covid-19. Mr Norton has posted some useful advice and guidance on the website today that may be of help in coping with some of the stresses we are all experiencing at the moment.

Please be assured the school is responding to your feedback and we are open to your ideas and suggestions on how to improve the learning platforms currently in use. Scoilnet.ie are regularly updating the material available on its website <https://www.scoilnet.ie/go-to-post-primary/> which may be useful.

We will keep you updated of any changes. On behalf of our Board of Governors, teachers and staff, we wish to reassure you of our full support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require any assistance and we will do all we can to help during this most challenging of times.

In the meantime we want to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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