

12th March 2020

Coronavirus Response

Dear Parent Guardian

The school has put in place some preventative arrangements in response to the heightened concerns around the Coronavirus and its spread. It is our primary concern to keep our children and wider community safe and as such we will be following these procedures in school.

- **A hand wash routine has been introduced** – every child will wash their hands coming into school, before they eat their morning snack and also before lunch. Additional hand wash and paper towels have been purchased. Children will also be regularly reminded to wash their hands after using the toilet.
- **All trips are cancelled for the near future, including tomorrow's Navan Centre Trip.**
- **An open door policy** has been introduced to reduce the touching of door handles. All doors will be left open within the school building.
- **Boxes of tissues** are in all classrooms and around the school for children to use when needed.
- **Teachers are talking with** the children in their class about the situation and reassuring them to allay any concerns or fears.
- **No visitor policy – any outside visitors to the school will be asked to postpone their visit.**
- We ask that you support us in our efforts by informing us if you have any concerns that your child may be infected. We also ask that you keep your child at home if they display any symptoms.

It is very likely that school may be closed for a period of time, we will endeavour to have online resources and activities available to the children if that is the case.

Please refer to the Public Health Agency or the NHS 111 helpline for advice.

We will keep you informed immediately if there are any directives or information provided by the EA or the Department of Education. Please check your text messages, our Facebook page and our website regularly.

Yours sincerely

Ms M Savage
Principal