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Dear Parent/Guardian,

An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar has announced that all schools will close this evening at 6:00pm until 29th March, 2020 to support efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19.

All pupils and students, from pre-school to third level are urged to practice social distancing, and to minimise physical contact with each other, to help avoid the spread of Covid-19. This should include minimising social contact, avoiding meeting up and keeping physical space between them. Parents and guardians are urged to support their children to maintain this approach.

In order to minimise the impact on teaching and learning we advise all students to bring home all books, notes etc, thus enabling study and school work to be done from home. This needs to be done today, Thursday 12th March, 2020 by 5:45pm as the school will be closed at 6:00pm. It will not be possible to call to school after 6:00pm this evening to collect books etc, as the school will be closed as directed by the Taoiseach.

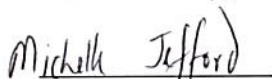
Our teachers have been preparing for the possibility of a school closure. All students and teachers have access to 'Teams' on Microsoft Office 365 and work for all students will be available for them to continue with their learning through 'Teams'. We would ask that school hours be respected in these communications.

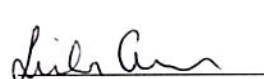
We acknowledge that we are in an evolving and unprecedented situation and whilst work is being provided to students, we are acutely aware that circumstances may change within any of our families at any stage. If a member of our school community (teacher/pupil) becomes ill, we fully understand that they may not be able to engage with remote learning. The health and wellbeing of all members of our school community takes priority at all times.

Parents/Guardians will be informed by text message and through our website of further information as it arises.

We will keep those affected by Covid-19 and healthcare workers who are managing the illness in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely,


Michelle Jefford


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