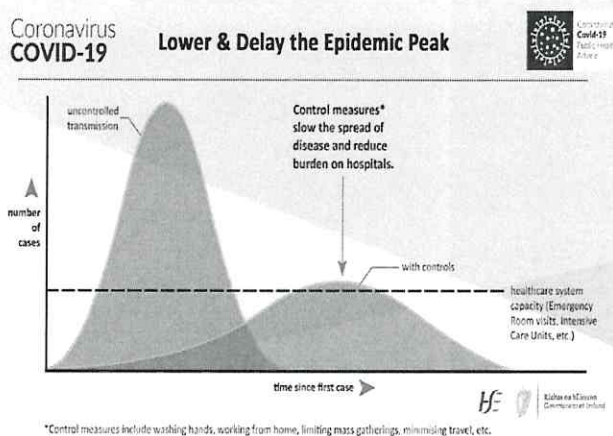13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you to ask you to have a discussion with your daughter regarding two specific areas:

1. Social Distancing

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 yourself and others. Parents/guardians are urged to support their children to maintain this approach.

The graphic on the left was provided during a meeting in *Roinn an Taoisigh* and explains that the reason for closure of schools is to slow down the spread of Covid-19 to enable our health service to work. It highlights the importance of keeping the spread of infection as slow as possible - the same amount of people will be infected, but it will be much easier for our health care system to manage.

2. Remote Teaching and Learning Protocols for Students.

At this stage all students should have engaged with remote teaching and learning. Please check with your daughter that an email has been received regarding Remote Teaching and Learning Protocols for Students. These protocols are also available on the website under Letters to Families.

We understand that Internet access varies from home to home (whether you are a student or a teacher) so you might need to be patient and encourage communication with classmates using methods other than Office 365 to keep up-to-date with work, etc (but this should not include meeting with a classmate).

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and discuss its content with your daughter.

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

Yours faithfully,

Anne Mc Grath, Principal