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Dear Parent/Guardian,

An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar has announced that all schools will close this evening at 6pm until 29th March 2020.

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 6pm. It will not be possible to call to school after 6pm 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. Students and teachers have a school email address and the school, by using Microsoft Office 365, has the means to communicate with pupils remotely. We would ask that school hours be respected in these communications and that you understand that priority will be given to students in exam years.

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.

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 or student) or their family members become ill, we fully understand that the teacher or student 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.

Students and their families may have questions regarding return to school, orals, practical exams, CBAs etc., and we want to reassure you that parents/guardians will be informed by text message and through our website of further information as it becomes available.

We will 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