

18th March 2020

Dear Parents and school families,

In the midst of these unprecedented times we acknowledge everyone’s concerns. In the interest of the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and families this morning we carried out a risk assessment for the school covering ‘preventing and managing sickness including outbreaks’ and we are at Stage 4 – containment phase. Due to specific and significant changes and restrictions to members of our school community our Board of Governors have decided to close the school until further notice.

The factors we took into consideration were:

Suspected case in school

Suspected cases in families

Confirmed case in a family

Teacher shortage

Support staff shortage

Protection for our most vulnerable children

Staff with health issues

Pregnant staff

Cleaner shortage

We will be using code ‘0’ for recording pupil’s attendance – authorised absence for exceptional circumstances.

Our website provider is working on developing home learning set up. We will share these with you in due course. In the meantime, please refer to 13th March letter on our school website with suggested approaches to home learning.

We will continue to monitor this situation on an on-going basis. We will update you on any changes as they occur.

We’re all in this together and we will continue to look out for each other. Stay safe!

Mrs Michelle Kelly

Mrs Wendy McKeown