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Dear Parent

COVID 19- Precautionary Measures

We are at the point where we need to put measures in place to protect our school community and to respond to any government directives about closing the school. We need to prevent staff absence as much as possible while the school is open so that the children are receiving what they deserve while in school. To keep contact to a minimum is part of this strategy.

To this end, therefore, we have decided that all gatherings in school which involve parents or others coming into the school 'en masse' will be curtailed for the foreseeable future. This includes, assemblies, masses, group parent meetings such as the consultations which have already been postponed and the Holy Week celebrations. School trips may also be included in this – individual notification will be given, though at present, the children will continue to go swimming (Y4).

Regarding the children's learning, we are setting up systems which will allow staff to upload work for the children to sustain their education and learning. We will be fully reliant on parent/carers ensuring that the children do this work – it is extremely important that they do so. Links will be made which will allow parents to contact their child's teacher for support during the hours of 9am – 3.00pm each day. We believe it very important that the children do not regard any early/sustained closure as an extended holiday.

Please be aware that we think it prudent to keep you informed about our plans so that you too can have the opportunity to contribute. *Our website will play a crucial role in keeping families updated, please refer to it on a regular basis.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of SMT concerning this matter.

Yours sincerely

H M Cusack
Headteacher