



Dear Parent/Carer

You will appreciate that this is a very uncertain and worrying time for everyone in light of COVID-19. Due to the changing advice from the Scottish Government, Education Directorate and the concerns expressed by a number of school stakeholders **there will be no Parents' Night before Easter.** We have also taken the decision to cancel morning prayers and our Friday Lenten mass for parents, children and staff. We have been advised that the City of Dance, Cross Country, Gaelic Football and the Bridging the Gap events have also been cancelled. We are also cancelling extra-curricular clubs before and after school.

It is difficult to know what lies ahead for us and we have been advised that there are no plans to close the schools at present, but that situation could change very quickly. We want to be as prepared as we can be if there are to be any school closures. We hope to receive more information on this during the week ahead. We will continue to update you when and if there are further changes.

Please continue to follow NHS guidance on how to minimise infection.

Please also encourage your children to wash their hands properly and regularly using soap and water. Please discard used tissues properly. As a school we have been reinforcing this on a daily basis, allowing extra time for children and staff to wash their hands more regularly and we have ensured that we have an ample stock of soap, tissues and paper towels. **If your child requires their own soap due to allergies or dry hands then please ensure you provide this.** We are also discouraging handshakes to minimise infection.

If your child is displaying a high temperature or a new cough then please keep them at home and inform the school in the usual way.

Thank you for your continuing support at this time. We hope and pray that our loved ones keep safe. Our prayers go out to those across the world who have sadly lost friends and family.

Brian Bourke

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