



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Connaught Parents,

I am sure that you have been following the news closely with regards to the COVID-19 virus. As of yesterday, after Boris Johnson's COBRA Committee meeting, it has been agreed that schools will remain open. PHE advise that in most cases, even if there is a confirmed case within the school community, closure of the school is unnecessary. We can assure you that in this situation we would take further advice from PHE to ensure the right proportionate local decision is made and we would, of course, keep you informed.

It is important that we all do our best to ensure that our children's education is disrupted as little as possible and everyone should continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene, and encourage their children to do so:

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Always carry tissues and use them to catch coughs or sneezes, then bin the tissue and wash hands (or use a sanitiser gel).
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

In the event of a widespread closure of schools, we have plans in place that would enable staff to set virtual learning for children online. Although this is not ideal, it would be one way to ensure the children are receiving some of the education they would normally have been getting on site at school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Regards

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