



Bulletin 11 for Parents/Guardians

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that our school opened as normal today.

You can track your child's progress on VSWare – if you have any issue accessing VSWare please contact our HSCL Ms. Sharon McDermott.

The figures for attendance today are low. We completely understand and trust your judgement on whether or not your child is in a position to attend school. We thank you also for being precautionary at this difficult time.

We must also look at your child's progress, if you are not sending your child to school as a precaution or because they are a close contact and are feeling well – it is very important that they keep up with the schoolwork. Teachers have been asked, where appropriate, to put work on TEAMS – as they are very aware of keeping the class at the same pace. Teaching will continue in the building regardless of numbers of students present. All students have access to TEAMS.

Please encourage engagement with schoolwork daily, where possible, and your child is well enough to do so.

It is well documented that issues may arise under H&S if we cannot cover classes due to staff shortages. We have put a number of measures in place to minimise disruption to teaching and learning. These include; hiring extra sub teachers, redeployment of teachers from other classes, re-issuing of extra class hours, teachers working extra hours. However, in the unlikely event of chronic staff shortage we may need to ask a year group to stay at home and work will be put online for them. This is the last scenario that we will use as a school, and you will be told in advance. Be assured that we will do what we can to keep the school open (minus ESB and water disasters as what happened before the holidays!!).

As always, thank you for your kind words and support,

Yours sincerely,

Rachel O' Connor,

Principal.

PLEASE PLEASE do NOT send your child to school if they display ANY of these symptoms:

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- [a fever \(high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above\)](#)
- [a new cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry](#)
- [shortness of breath or breathing difficulties](#)
- [loss or change to your sense of smell or taste](#) – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal