

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN INFORMATION NOTICE
REGARDING CORONAVIRUS**

As per our text of last week, we are continuing to follow the advice issued by the Department of Education and Skills in relation to Coronavirus.

Please see the Department's official advice by following this link [here](#)...

Plan in the event of a closure...

In the event of a school closure;

1. We will inform parents via our TextaParent app.
2. To ensure continuity of work during this period...
 - a. if the school closes during a school day, books will be sent home with the children with an outline plan of work by each teacher.
 - b. If the school closes outside of school time, your child's books will be available to collect from the school foyer the following morning or at the earliest opportunity – time for this will be detailed in the message regarding the closure and a plan of work for each class will be posted on our website.

We are hoping that we will not have to close and that all in our community remain healthy – **this is just a plan** so

St. Cuana's N.S. Kilcoona, Headford, Co. Galway

you as parents are aware what will happen in the event of a closure.

At the moment all school events such as First Confession, Confirmation and First Holy Communion are going ahead – if we receive any update on this, if something is cancelled we will notify parents immediately.

We, at the school, whilst actively encouraging stringent hygiene, wish to remain calm and reassuring as some children are finding the news very stressful and worrying. Please see attached two posters, which give a child-friendly explanation of the virus.

We would also be grateful if parents limit their access to the school building and we are also limiting access to non essential adults entering the school e.g. sales reps., etc.

Thank you for your support in this manner.

Staff of Kilcoona National School



Coronavirus – Staying Safe



People are talking about Coronavirus because it is a new type of flu



Just like with all other colds or flu it is important to be healthy



Children and adults are very good at fighting the flu





Just like all colds or flus it can be harder for older people to stay healthy from flu



I can stay healthy by





When preparing food



FREQUENTLY WASH HANDS WITH SOAP



After sneezing or blowing my nose



Before eating



After using the bathroom



If they are dirty



I can stay healthy by

Not touching my face, or biting my nails

Trying not to touch outside doors, handles, railings



I can help keep others healthy by

Coughing & sneezing into my elbow

Putting used tissue in the bin

Staying at home if I feel sick

**Just like any other cold or flu
Coronavirus will go away in
a couple of months**



**I do not need to worry about it
but if I am unsure I can talk to my caregivers**



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