

9/3/2020

Dear Parent and Guardian

We are now meeting daily to discuss updates on Covid-19 and fine-tuning our contingency plans in the event the outbreak moves from the Containment to Delay phase. Our number one priority remains the care of our students and school community, so to this end we have to make some decisions to minimise contact with people from outside the school community:

- **Form 5 Careers Evening – March 9th**
Postponed
- **School Play – March 19 & 20th**
Postponed

We are reviewing all other extra-curricular and sporting activities and will make you aware of any postponements as soon as possible.

Some other practical actions we are currently taking:

- Our medical team is informed and trained on the recommended protocols, and isolation rooms are in place should any member of the residential community show any Covid-19 symptoms.
- Educating the students on prevention techniques and taking extra precautions:
 - Posters are up around the school on handwashing, how to cough and sneeze safely, and to avoid handshakes.
 - We have added additional hand-sanitisers around the school
 - We are frequently spraying antibacterial cleaners on keypads, door handles and light switches.
 - Advice by the [HSE](#) states that wearing a mask does not offer you protection from Covid-19, as it can still enter your body through your eyes or ears and the gaps around your mask.
- We have contingency plans in place for academic continuity for state exam students through e-learning.

Cooperation from Parents and Guardians

- Please enter school at **Main Reception only**, use the hand sanitiser at the door, and sign in with our School Secretary.
- Please advise our [Medical Team](#) immediately if a student or any member of your family is experiencing symptoms or been in direct contact with anyone who has.
- Please check your email regularly for any updates from the school.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding and please do not hesitate to contact me through my PA [Lorraine Walker](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely
Mark Ronan
Headmaster/Principal