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Dear Parent and Guardian

Our Covid-19 contingency planning team continues to meet frequently to stay updated on information from the [HSE](#) and [DES](#), and to pass on statements to you from the country's Chief Medical Officer, as we receive them.

Our priority remains the wellbeing and care of our students and school community, while preparing contingencies for continuity of studies for exam year students, in the event of a mandated school closure.

Below, we address the following queries that some of you may have. A separate letter has gone to the guardians of students whose parents reside overseas, as they may face additional challenges in the event of a school closure, or changes to their travel plans over Easter.

- a) If any non-residential member of the school community shows symptoms of Covid-19 while at school.  
**Action:** Present to the school medical centre immediately. You will be cared for in a secure isolation area, while arrangements are made for you to be collected from school and to contact your GP. Do not return to school unless it is confirmed by a doctor that you have **not** contracted the virus. HSE are notified by School Doctor, Dr Nelson, and the DES by Headmaster, Mark Ronan.
- b) If any member of the residential school community shows symptoms of Covid-19.  
**Action:** School Doctor, Dr Nelson, reviews patient under guidance of the HSE and places them in a secure isolation area. The DES is alerted simultaneously for advice on next steps. Parent or Guardian will be contacted as soon as patient has presented to the medical centre with Covid-19 symptoms.
- c) If any member of the school community is confirmed to have contracted Covid-19.  
**Action:** HSE & DES contacted immediately to advise next steps. Day and Irish boarders will go home and remain there until the HSE advises it is safe to return. Students with families living abroad will go to their Guardians/Host Families until it is safe to return. The school will work closely with Guardians to ensure that there is continuity of care for our students.

We have asked overseas families to advise us of their Easter travel plans and we would also ask that our Irish resident families let us know if they travel to an affected area or an area that becomes affected during their stay, as self-isolation may be necessary on return. See the [Department of Foreign Affairs](#) (DFA) for latest information on affected areas.

Yours sincerely

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Headmaster / Principal