



St Teresa's Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I write to you to provide an update on the ongoing planning and precautionary work of St Teresa's Primary School in relation to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation. (I have already sent out information from the Public Health Agency about the situation - www.publichealth.hscni.net).

The health and safety of all our children and staff, as well as visitors to the school, is of paramount importance. To date, we have followed all the advice from Department of Education, Public Health Agency (PHA), Education Authority and the Chief Medical Officer.

We would encourage you to update the school with your relevant mobile numbers/contact details, as we may need to communicate information to you. Information will also be available on our [school app](#) and school [website](#).

Our school has postponed fixtures outside school and events/guests will be closely monitored. We are encouraging children to wash hands, not to share foods, cough/sneeze into a tissue and the school has purchased additional hand sanitisers. The PHA has advised schools that *'the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus'*.

If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school and if you believe they are displaying the symptoms of the Coronavirus, please follow the advice of self-isolation and contact your GP/PHA for further advice and guidance. Please contact the school immediately if your child or a family member has been asked to self-isolate, to enable us to respond appropriately.

At this point all measures are purely precautionary and we will continue to follow official advice and guidance at all times. We will keep you updated regularly as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely,

E Kearney - Principal