



Confirmed date for school closure

19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

You will have seen that the closure of all schools has been announced by the Department of Education in response to the Covid-19 Virus pandemic.

I wish to inform you that in light of this instruction and in consultation with the Board of Governors, **Lough View will close to all pupils at 2.30pm on Friday 20th March.** School dinners, Stay and Play and the school bus service will all operate normally until that point.

This has been a hugely challenging and uncertain period for our school community, and I have no doubt that further tests lie ahead. At this difficult time my thoughts are with our children and the valuable learning experiences they need to pause for now, our staff who come together every day as a wonderfully dynamic team to do whatever it takes for our children and you as concerned, supportive parents and guardians who represent such a valued part of our Integrated school.

Our job now as a community is to stick together and follow the advice as outlined by the experts in order to keep all our loved ones safe. I do not yet know what our new reality looks like at Lough View but I, and our staff, will keep in touch with you and your family as we learn and receive more information from the relevant agencies over the coming weeks.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to Lough View very soon so that we can continue to Learn and Grow Together.

Until then, please stay safe and look out for each other as best you can.

Regards

S Spillane

Principal