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Dear Parent,

The school has received a letter for all schools from the Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health, Dr Tony Holohan, addressing the recent school closure as a result of the confirmed Covid-19 case.

You may be aware that the first case of Covid-19 in Ireland was confirmed on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020. As part of the follow up investigation and public health management of this case and in order to prevent the possible spread of infection, a school in the east of the country has been closed from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Loreto Fermoy is closely monitoring the situation here in the school and have been in contact with the managerial body and the Department of Education & Skills regarding the appropriate response.

I am attaching some links that should be of interest to you. One is the letter from the Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health, Dr Tony Holohan <https://tinyurl.com/covlet0203> This is also available on their website under the heading, 'Chief Medical Officer advice for parents and schools.'

Another link is to the Department of Education's webpage which provides information for parents and students. <https://tinyurl.com/covlet0203c>

And finally, here is a link to pertinent information on the HSE website <https://tinyurl.com/covlet0203b>

We will endeavour to keep you updated on this situation should there be any further developments.

Kind regards,

Orla Forde