

# 12th March 2020



**Coronavirus Update:** We have attached below Advice from the Public Health Agency on Covid 19 for you to familiarise yourself with. We are keeping up to date on the site and information as it comes to us and will update you all accordingly. To date schools in the South of Ireland are closing, but we are directed by Stormont and Westminster, so this does not as of yet apply to us.

Firstly, we all need to put personal hygiene at the forefront of daily life. We have already implemented a number of measures in school.

We need to be mindful that there is a possibility that schools may close in the near future, so we are currently preparing for the children to access school work, so the learning isn't disrupted.

If you are not signed up to **Class Seesaw**, it is imperative that you do this as a matter of urgency, as this is how our teachers will communicate with you at home. Send your child's teacher a letter and they will send you the sign in details.

In addition, we had an emergency closure this week and at midday we still had a high number of children not collected, because their parents hadn't informed us of changes to **phone numbers**. This created a problem for us and distress to the children. In the event of a serious accident, we had no way to contact a parent. Parents have a duty to keep us informed of contact details and emergency contacts of another trusted family member if we cannot contact the parent. If you have changed your number, it is vital you let the school office know as a matter of urgency.

**Assemblies:** P1-4 to had a visit from Bob the Builder to chat to the children about our new build and the importance of safety around the site. Bob even gave Mrs Robinson a breather, as he gave out our certificates.

	Showing good manners	Creative writer for March	Headteacher Awards
P1	Daniel Blain, Gerard McCrystal and Padraig Kinnaird McKenna	Adam McAvoy, Savannah Hand, Charlotte Johnston	Layla Dunlop for being a kind playtime friend
P2	Danny Power, Izzy McGeary, Aimee Daykin and Jamie Nellins	Carly McCord, Kaci Brown and Layla Young	Ava Devlin Thompson for lovely manners around school

P3	Mary McCrea, Kaitlyn O'Neill and Kaci McCleave	Caoimhe Cunningham, Dylan Corrigan and Marcus Clarke	Mary McCrea for her lovely singing at First Confession
P4	Niamh Hardy Whelan, Ruby O'Halloran and Jayde Bryson	Jessica McDonnell, Jodie Graham and Charlie O'Rourke	Caoimhe Hamill for being such a friendly young lady
P5	Dillon Kal, Mona Aldash and Dannii McAteer	Megan Walsh, Kirsten Smith and Eva McConkey	Aimee Mulholland-McGinley for being a helpful girl in school
P6	Alyssa O'Hara, Anthony Eagan and Jessica Sturgeon	Clodagh Hardy, Pearse Duffy, David O'Gormley, and Jessica Doone	Laura Keenan for her exceptional manners
P7	Kayla Quinn, Corey Smedley Silcock	Tadghan Donnelly, Christopher Cunningham, Shea McAllorum and Alannah O'Neill	Taghan Donnelly for holding doors for adults, Mrs McComb was so delighted!

**Happy Birthday to:** Karis Kennedy, Dominic McCavana, Grace McQuillan, Cara Steele, Ben McDonagh, Conor Fennell. Cheyenne Canning, Tiernan Conlon, Jake Donherty, Carragh Finn, Mrs May, Mrs Tierney and Conal McConville



# Advice on COVID-19 (coronavirus) for places of education

## How serious is COVID-19 (coronavirus)?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough and difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas, see [pha.site/covid19-specified-areas](http://pha.site/covid19-specified-areas)

## How can you stop COVID-19 (coronavirus) spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it  
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it  
by washing  
your hands with  
soap & water or  
hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks  
& sport  
activities



Before  
cooking  
& eating



SCHOOL  
ETC.  
On arrival at  
any childcare  
or educational  
setting



After using  
the toilet



Before  
leaving  
home



Try not to touch your  
eyes, nose, and mouth  
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come  
into contact with your mouth  
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share  
items such as bedding,  
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](http://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus). If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If a staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus), they should call the **NHS helpline on 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](http://gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [pha.site/coronavirus](http://pha.site/coronavirus) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have visited Hubei Province (including Wuhan), China, Iran, specified towns in the Lombardy and Veneto regions in Northern Italy, or Daegu or Cheongdo in South Korea since 19 February 2020, should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [pha.site/coronavirus](http://pha.site/coronavirus) for advice on COVID-19 (coronavirus).

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**



