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# Scoil Lios na Groí

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Dear Parents,

This morning the government has announced a series of measures aimed at addressing the outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid-19) in Ireland. Effective from 6pm this evening, until 29th March, all primary schools in Ireland will be closed. In order to minimise the impact on teaching and learning teachers have met in class groupings and work has now been prepared for the closure. This work will be available through Aladdin. Pupils are taking their books and learning materials home this evening. If your child was absent today, books and copies may be collected from school between 10am and 11am tomorrow.

These are challenging times for our entire school community. We are all urged to practice social distancing and to minimise physical contact with each other and to avoid meeting up. Parents and guardians are urged to support their children to maintain this approach. I would also like to direct your attention to updated guidance issued on talking to children and young people about Covid-19. I have the link to a child-friendly interview that Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Ronan Glynn did with RTE's new2day programme last week, that may also be a useful resource when talking about Covid-19 with your children. I recommend it. It is very important, as children and young people look to the adults in their lives to guide them on how to react to worrying and stressful events. If the adults in their lives seem overly worried, their own anxiety may rise. If they are anxious, let them talk about their feelings and guide them in reframing their thoughts and concerns to a more helpful way of thinking.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/coronavirus/2020/0306/1120692-news2day-coronavirus/>

[talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-covid-19-coronavirus-advice-for-parents-and-schools.pdf \(498.3 KB\)](#)

Tusla, the Child and Family agency, urge parents to keep up to date on the latest information from the Department of Health and the HSE and make informed decisions related to their child on that basis. Up to date information may be accessed at [www.education.ie/covid19](http://www.education.ie/covid19).

Everyone take care,

Gach dea-ghuí,

Michael Feeney.

Principal

