

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus Update – 22nd March 2020

On Friday we closed our doors to the vast majority of our school community. It's been an abrupt ending to the term and potentially the school year and has brought with it a great deal of emotion and worry. As a community you have all been wonderful, listening and following the direction we have given. There has been a lot to organise and think through and I am sure you will have picked up from the media that some of the information as not come as quickly as we needed it to. Thank you for bearing with us.

We will now serve the community by providing **essential** child care for those members of our community who make up the Covid-19 Response Team – the Key Workers. We aim to continue with this care as long as we possibly can and as long as it is safe to do so. Thank you for taking your social responsibility seriously and being honest with us – we have had a number of parents who are Key Workers but have made alternative arrangements for their childcare. This is a great help to us. We have stayed open because our Key Workers need this to be able to do their work but the fewer children in school the better. The less movement around the city the better. This will help prevent the spread of the virus.

We are in full support of Social Distancing and need you to do the same. Over the weekend, entertainment, hospitality and leisure premises across the country were instructed to close. The public have been urged to stay at home and limit travel to essential travel only. People who can work at home should do so. We must now limit social contact which means:

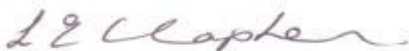
- You must stay at home unless you need to get essential supplies such as food and medicine.
- You should only travel if it is absolutely necessary, for example if you are a key worker travelling to and from work.
- All those who are able to, must work from home unless their work is **essential**. **We realise this will make child care a challenge but it does means we are reducing movement and therefore minimising the risk of spread.**

These measures will further limit peoples social contact as we tackle the spread of coronavirus. **We must commit to these measures as a community – it is our social responsibility.** If we don't, we will be in this situation for longer than any of us want to.

Staff will be building up the Home Learning area on the website his week. We will text out when this has been done and will include some advice for you and how you can support learning at home. For now, the home learning packs should provide you with something to keep learning ticking over.

Grove House has gone from strength to strength over the last 2 years. This will not stop our quest for educational excellent its just slowed us down a little. We are already looking forward to having our Grove House family back together under one roof and in the meantime as you all to be sensible, be safe and take care of your loved ones.

Yours sincerely



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(Head of School)