

Cork Education and Training Board

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Happy New Year to each and every one of you. We are delighted to have your children back in school.

All parts of society are being affected by Covid 19 at present and as you can imagine schools are no exception.

Normally if a teacher is out, we get a substitute teacher in to cover classes. Unfortunately, the current spread of Covid 19 and the rules regarding isolation mean we are currently experiencing a lot of teachers being out. This is happening in every school and the pool of substitute teachers is small.

We are just writing to inform you that as things unfold it **may** happen that we cannot cover all absent teachers on a particular day in which case we will be left with no choice but to ask a full year group to stay at home. This will be a very last resort. Often, we will not know this until quite late in the evening.

If this is to happen, we will text you as soon as we know and ask that a year group stay at home. We will do our best to ensure that no one year group is more impacted than another and obviously we will not be asking third, sixth and fifth years to stay at home. The situation is constantly evolving and being monitored each day.

For the safety of the whole school community we have one other very important request which is that you do not send children who have Covid 19 symptoms or who have been close contacts to school. A list of the symptoms of Covid 19 are available on [Symptoms of COVID-19 - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/conditions/covid-19/symptoms/). If a student is going to be out please input the reason into the VSware app.

As guidelines change any queries relating to Covid 19, close contacts, testing and so on should be directed to the HSE and a lot of the questions can be answered on [Get tested for COVID-19 - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/conditions/covid-19/get-tested/).

Thank you as always for your support and help.

Kind regards

Helen Cadogan
Principal