



1 March 2020

Dear Principal,

You may be aware that the first case of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland was confirmed on Saturday, 29 February 2020.

As part of the public 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 Sunday, 1 March until Monday, 16 March 2020.

The closing of this school was a decision made on public health grounds after risk assessment deemed it appropriate. All other schools will remain open.

I want to take this opportunity again to remind you that advice and guidance on Covid-19 is available at [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie).

I would also like to thank you for your continued support and assistance in communicating to parents and pupils as this situation continues to evolve, both nationally and internationally.

Both the Department of Health and the Department of Education and Skills will continue to communicate with all schools on this issue.

Yours,

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Chief Medical Officer  
Department of Health