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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well at this very difficult time.

Following Leo Varadkar's public address recently, it is very likely that schools will be closed for several weeks. We are currently preparing for a more long-term approach to distributing schoolwork to pupils.

The school is working hard to establish a system as quickly as possible, that is structured, sustainable and manageable for pupils, parents and teachers. You will be kept updated. In this regard, if you do not receive emails from the school, will you please email [info@stpatrickboysns.com](mailto:info@stpatrickboysns.com), stating your child's name and the updated address you wish to be contacted on. If you already receive emails, you do not need to do this.

Your child has been provided with enough schoolwork for approximately a week or more. Pupils are expected to have started this work. The school is also providing a list of online resources that can be accessed to supplement learning along with a weekly interactive competitions based on different themes. Please refer to our website [www.stpatrickboysns.com](http://www.stpatrickboysns.com) and our Facebook *St Patrick's Boys' N.S* for more information.

In this current situation, technology has been a very welcome resource that will help us through this, but it is not a replacement for pupils attending school daily, spending 5 hours a day in their classroom receiving instruction from a teacher. Many pupils also receive extra support individually from special education teachers and special needs assistants to help them access the curriculum. We will do our very best within the constraints of this situation to support your child's learning.

At the moment, teachers and SNAs are busy being creative and planning schoolwork that can be delivered effectively to all classes and pupils with specific needs. These programmes of schoolwork will be provided once preparation is completed. We will give guidelines as to the amount of time to be spent on each task to help parents & pupils at the beginning. Structuring a child's day will be helpful.

Thank you for being so supportive of the school at this time. Wishing you all good health.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Liddane

Principal