12th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Due to the Corona Virus emergency, all schools have been instructed to close until 29th March. The children will bring home most of their books today. There will be a dedicated page on the school website at [www.edmondstownns.ie](http://www.edmondstownns.ie) under the “Parents” tab which will be updated regularly by teachers with suggested work for children. There is no obligation on families to undertake this work and it is purely on a voluntary basis. However, it is important for children to have routine and an hour of school work in the morning and afternoon would be very beneficial for all children. Further details will be given on the website regarding accessing a link to twinkl.ie which teachers will be referencing in their suggested work.

We are in unprecedented times. Minister for Education, Joe Mc Hugh T.D. has said: “Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine – we all live in one another’s shadow. If there was ever a time for us to appreciate how closely we are connected, how much what we do matters to others, how much we rely on each other, this is it. This is a time where we all need to work together for the best possible outcome for our students. The support of everyone across the sector is vital, as we all strive to ensure that this threat is dealt with as effectively as possible.”

May God bless each and every one of us and our families and keep us safe.

Kind regards

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**Philomena Cleary**

**Principal**