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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

12th March 2020

Dear friends,

As you are aware an announcement was made this morning by the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD of the closure of schools for a period until 29 March 2020, to support efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19. This will take effect from 6pm this evening, Thursday 12 March. This is in line with the advice of the National Public Health Emergency Team.

As a result, Crescent will remain closed to students during this period.

We have made efforts to minimise the impact on teaching and learning and I encourage all students to use this as a period for revision and to follow any plans provided by their teachers. It might be advisable for students to continue the normal routine with regard to the normal school day and for exam students to make use of the online DES marking schemes.

I have no doubt that our students and our community in general will rise to the challenge and play their part in mitigating the spread of the virus. We can do this by respecting the advice on respiratory hygiene, hand-washing and social distancing; this means minimising social contact, avoiding meeting up and keeping physical space between each other. Parents and guardians are urged to support their children to maintain this approach. With this in mind we have cancelled all training and activities that take place outside school time. This is our opportunity to put into practice our mission to be persons for others.

I wish all our families the best during this extraordinary period for our country, a time of concern and anxiety. Our family members working in the health services will need our support as they will be under unprecedented pressure as the country deals with this public health crisis.

I will keep you posted with updates as they arise, including all contingency measures regarding examinations. We are deeply conscious of the impact that this closure might have on our students, in particular the examination groups.

We wish to minimise this, and I remind you and your children that all students in the country are equally effected.

With every good wish,

Karin Fleming