26th March 2020

Dear Children of Foley PS,

This is probably one of the most difficult letters that I have ever had to write. As I entered school this morning I met our Wow Wall, which reminded me of how fantastic you all are. As I sit in the school office, the classrooms and the hall is quiet. School feels strange without you. Each morning when I greet you, I always enjoy hearing about what has been going in your lives. Unfortunately for us Friday the 13th of March turned out to be very unlucky indeed! Little did we know that it would be the last time we would see you for what could be a number of weeks.

Your parents have probably been telling you about the nasty germ that is going about making people sick. This little germ is so bad that it means all schools have had to close. Because of this germ we now have to remember that, for a short period of time, things are going to change. We need to listen to our parents, we might not be able to have our friends over or do all the fun things we normally did. We have to make all these changes to keep us, our families and our friends safe. Remember to be extra careful and make sure to wash your hands, wash your hands and wash your hands again!

Just because school is closed, we do not stop learning. All the teachers have given you a learning pack with activities to do. Many of you will have been working with the online programme; Study Ladder. The teachers are also posting different activities on to the school website each week that you can download. Working like this will be different for all of us and it is not the same as being at school. However, I still want to hear about all the wonderful things you are doing. Each week I would like you to ask mummy or daddy, (if they have time) to take a picture of the work that you do and send it to the school phone. I will then share it with everyone in our school by posting it on our Website and Facebook Page.

Big brothers and sisters, we need you to help mums and dads by looking after little brothers and sisters, helping them with their school work, reading to them and making sure they are safe. We need you all to listen to your mums and dads and to do as you are asked, even if it seems strange or difficult.

Now we turn to our P7s. P7 you are our role models in our school, our Head Boys and Head Girls. We look to you to lead by example in your home and community. Confirmation has been postponed and there may not be the end of year tournaments and trips etc. This is not what we had planned for you. We want you to know how

important each and every one of you are to us and, that you are and always will be an important part of Foley PS.

All the staff are so sad at how things have turned out. Just remembers girls and boys that we are proud of you, miss you and look forward to seeing you again, hopefully very soon.

Best wishes,

Mr McCrory