

# St. Theresa's Primary School, Glebe

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Dear Parents,

Currently at this time 3 Permanent teachers are off at the moment, as well as 5 ancillary staff, with Primary 6/7 also completing remote learning. This is due to a Covid Cluster of over 20% within the class that had spanned across a 10 day timeframe.

Therefore at this time, as guided by our risk assessments, the entire picture of St Theresa's needed to be looked at and this break in the Primary 6/7 classroom will help maintain staffing levels within the school and protect other bubbles within the school.

I would like to empathise that this is a very difficult time for all, both for St Theresa's and our families. However, the decisions taken by St Theresa's Senior Management Team and Board of Governors is to ultimately protect our school community and we stand over that significantly, as it has always been our priority.

We appreciate that there is a lot of disruption at the moment but according to DE Circular 2021/25, St Theresa's may have to revert to remote learning in the following circumstances:

- *Where a group of pupils or a class are required to self-isolate due to COVID-19;*
- *Where schools are experiencing staff shortages and have not been able to secure sufficient substitute teaching cover to operate classes effectively; and*
- *Where schools are experiencing support or ancillary staff shortages which may compromise the safe and effective operation of the school."*

As always we will continue to provide the best education we can for the children during this difficult time, and we encourage you to complete Lateral Flows with your child at home before arriving at school.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

**Gabriel Brogan**