



## St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

Scoil Ard Noo Ninian  
Our Ref: CJC/SM/

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Dear Parent/Guardian

These are very difficult times for our island.

As you will be aware, we are running School Hubs for the children of essential workers and those who are most vulnerable. Whilst we will continue to do all we can to support our students, parents and carers through this challenging period, we are also mindful that the advice from Government is to **keep your child at home if you are able to do so**. As the Chief Minister noted in the press release on January 11<sup>th</sup>, any person-to-person contact increases the risk of spread of the virus.

We are doing our utmost to keep children and staff safe whilst they are in school. However, for our Hubs to function, we need to have a number of personnel on site. This includes Teachers, Education Support Staff, Canteen staff, Cleaners, and a trained first aider. Clearly, the more people we have on site, the more chance there is of the virus being passed on.

Considering the Government advice described above, if your child has already taken a place in the Hub, please consider whether it is possible for them to continue with their remote learning from home instead. Equally, if you work part time please only request a Hub place for the period you cannot keep them at home. If you have no alternative but to send your child to one of the Hubs. Please note that, if feasible, we will require students to wear face coverings from Thursday onwards. We do have a limited number of disposable masks available, but to be effective these must be changed regularly. The preference would be for you to provide your child with their own face covering which they would then be able to wear on their journey to and from school also.

**Along with other Head Teachers and based on Government guidance I am therefore asking you to please keep your child at home if you can do so.** This is in the best interests of everyone on the island.

In light of this letter, if your child is currently attending the hub and you think you are able to keep them at home all of the time or for some days then please email the school through enquiries, [SNHSEnquiries@Sch.im](mailto:SNHSEnquiries@Sch.im) highlighting the changes and one of the senior leaders will get back to you to finalise any changed arrangements.

I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully

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