

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar has announced the closure of schools, colleges and childcare facilities throughout the country in an effort to control the Covid-19 pandemic.

From 6pm today, schools, colleges and childcare facilities will close. In relation to cultural institutions, indoor gatherings of more than 100 people will not be permitted and a maximum outdoor gathering of 500 people will be allowed.

We have advised all students to take all their books home for this period of time which we hope will not be extended.

Teachers over the last week have been preparing their classes for the event of closure. The school has already made arrangements for students to access digital learning platforms such as "Google Classroom" and "Edmodo" in order to continue to have access to teaching and learning during the school closure. If your son or daughter has not yet registered for an email please use any email address to contact the following email **classroom@staugustines.ie** giving the student's name and year and an email account will be setup for them. You will then be contacted on how to access your school email.

More details on the closures will be made public throughout the day. Tánaiste Simon Coveney and Minister for Health Simon Harris are set to hold a news update at Government Buildings this morning.

Please keep yourself and your family safe during this time.

Michael O Sullivan (Principal)