Dear all,

The Department of Education and Skills has received a letter from the Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health, Dr Tony Holohan, with advice to parents of school children travelling from regions affected by Covid-19.

The letter is available on our website below under the heading, ‘Chief Medical Officer advice to parents’;

<https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Announcements/information-for-schools-preschools-and-third-level-institutions-on-the-coronavirus.html>

**Please ensure that parents and other interested parties receive this update.**

The Department has also published hand washing guidance posters, available above, for schools to print and display.

There is a link on the above page to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) website which contains specific guidance for educational settings.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/educationguidance/>

All of the above information from the Department of Education and Skills website is also available in Irish.

Thank you for your assistance, please get in touch if you have any further enquiries.

**Pearse Ó Caoimh**

*Higher Executive Officer — Communications.*
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