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Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you all in good health. Today would have marked the end of Term 2 and the beginning of the Easter Holidays. It would have been a day celebrated in school with Golden time, Easter Egg Hunts, an end of term party and many other fun activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and commend you for all your hard work over the last three weeks “home-schooling” your children. It may have been challenging at times, but I am sure you all managed to set up learning routines suitable for your child’s learning needs. I have every faith you are doing a great job and managing as best you can.

During this time, it is very important to look after your child’s well-being. Weaving Well-being have a journal which is designed for children to enhance their mental well-being through a range of activities. I have put an attachment on the Aladdin noticeboard if you would like to try it out. Many of the children have engaged in this programme in school through SPHE.

I would encourage you to take a break from formal schoolwork for the next two weeks. I think it is important to acknowledge the end of Term 2 and let the children get some rest even though it will be more confined than normal. If you wish for them to catch up on work they may not have yet completed, please feel free to do so but I would ask you not to worry about completing the curriculum, we will return to school and get it back on track. The class teachers will not be assigning any new work for two weeks. Although it has not been announced, it is very unlikely we will return to school on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and the class teachers will post new work if this is the case.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff of Scoil Mhuire, class teachers, learning support teachers, our SNA’s, our secretary Paula, our cleaner Adriana and the Board of Management for their ongoing commitment and support to me and to the school during these challenging times. They have been working from home as best they can to engage and support the children,

despite their own personal family circumstances. We even had our first virtual staff meeting via Zoom during the week. We are all missing each other and the children.

I would like to offer my best wishes to you all during these strange and difficult times. If you need any further support, please do not hesitate to email me [principal@schullns.com](mailto:principal@schullns.com). Look after yourselves and your families and stay safe.

Kind Regards,

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Principal.