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To: Parents/Guardians of all enrolled students  
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As you may have seen in the local news and heard from parents of children at other schools the current staffing situation in schools is becoming increasingly difficult. With many people being affected by self-isolation and positive COVID-19 tests in the community this is having a huge impact on staffing in many schools. Added to this there is a shortage across NI of substitute teachers and many schools have had to send some year groups on remote learning for 1 or 2 days to allow the school to be safely staffed.

This has been an increasingly difficult week with both teaching staff and non-teaching staff being affected and some students being without the teaching assistant allocated to work with them. I can assure you we are all working extremely hard and covering classes to make sure your child's education is not affected. As a small College we rely heavily on all of our staff as many work in single person departments and getting replacement specialist teachers is extremely challenging to say the least at the minute.

I will continue to keep parents aware if anything changes in the coming days but felt it was important that we make people aware of the challenging circumstances we are facing at present. As always all decisions moving forward will be made with staff and student safety in mind as well as always trying to maintain face to face teaching for all of our students where it is safe and possible to do so.

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