



Dear Principal

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The HSE's Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) has developed some new posters and information to promote hand hygiene messages in schools. As you are aware proper hand hygiene is a key factor in reducing the spread of COVID-19. The posters will act as a reminder to pupils to clean their hands. A hand hygiene video aimed at younger children is available on www.hse.ie/coronavirus

The new hand hygiene posters complement the respiratory etiquette posters that we distributed to schools earlier this year. They are aimed at assisting teachers teach some of the key respiratory hygiene and hand hygiene messages and we hope you find them helpful. We also have an extremely useful online resource www.e-bug.eu/ e-Bug is a free educational resource for classroom and home use. It enables fun and accessible learning for all students around micro-organisms, the spread, prevention and treatment of infection. Throughout the teacher sections you will find

- detailed lesson plans
- fun student worksheets
- extension activities
- animations
- activity demonstrations

The HSE.ie/coronoavirus site has the latest public information on COVID-19. The HSE Under the Weather website has been updated www.undertheweather.ie and you might want to point parents and staff there for information on managing common illnesses. The website focuses on reducing the use of antibiotics and empowering people to self-manage simple illnesses such as colds, coughs, sore throat, ear ache, rashes and flu.

We hope that you find the enclosed pack useful, if you want additional posters you can order them online at www.healthpromotion.ie We welcome your feedback and comments in relation to the posters, you can contact us at hcai.amrteam@hse.ie

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