

Message from Consultant Respiratory Paediatrician at Cork University Hospital.

“I hope you all stay safe during this difficult time. The children will get through this no problem. Paediatric hospitals are empty in Italy at present after 3 weeks of school closure as the usual viruses stopped circulating. Remember with corona children are vectors not victims. In most epidemics young children are the transmitters. Therefore, for school closure to be effective it is really important that the kids are not mixing with other kids while out of school. They will give it to each other silently pass it on to our loved ones. What we do now will contribute to how this develops in Cork. Avoid situations that the children will interact. If the community respond to this it will shut it down more than anything we do in hospital. From my experiences in the hospital this last week I would say that corona virus is closer to all of us than we realise and the degree of separation for all of us is getting narrower. I’m not that good at social media but if this could be shared as widely as possible with parents in Cork it will help. This message needs to go viral to stop the virus.”