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6th March 2019.

Dear Parent(s) /Guardian(s)

In our letter in December, the Wexford town post-primary schools intimated their commitment to continue to promote the mental health and wellbeing of the young people in our care into the future. To this end senior management have been meeting with NEPS and the HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention over the last couple of months to explore some practical initiatives to help build capacity in the schools to deal with issues and concerns relating to mental health in young people.

We have decided to hold a one day conference for all staff members of the respective schools. The boards of management of all the secondary schools in Wexford town and the Chief Executive of the WWETB have sanctioned an exceptional school closure to facilitate the holding of this conference. Consequently, the five post primary schools in Wexford town will be closed for students on Monday 8th April. 2019. The aim of this conference is to strengthen the capacity of the school communities to promote mental health and wellbeing and to support staff in responding to critical incidents. The conference will provide an opportunity for all staff to develop a better understanding of issues relating to mental health and suicide prevention. It will also provide an opportunity to strengthen the liaison and collaboration between agencies working in this area and school staff.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. As we stated in our letter in December, if you have concerns about your son or daughter and if you think that they are in distress, reassure them that help, support and advice is available. In the first instance you should contact your GP. If it is a weekend or out of hours and you cannot contact your family GP, you should call CAREDOC on 1850 334 999. In an emergency, you can also go to the Emergency Department of Wexford General Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

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