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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to you and your families. While this is not the way we had hoped to begin our 2021 school year I want to reassure you that our teachers are fully prepared to engage in the remote delivery of online classes and are committed to continuing to provide a high quality and structured education to our students. As per the government announcement yesterday evening, the Leaving Certificate class and ASD class will not be returning to school on Monday, all classes will be delivered online until the end of this month.

Remote Learning Timetables (see attached) have been devised in line with best practice guidelines and recommendations on the length of time students can concentrate/engage online and therefore are slightly different to their usual school timetable. All timetables begin at 9.30am and finish at 3.45pm with a 30-minute break in the morning and a 40-minute break in the afternoon, allowing for five hours of lessons/study as opposed to six.

For First, Second and Third Year students.

Each subject is allocated one live lesson/week (highlighted in red) and one pre-recorded lesson/week (highlighted in green)

Maths and English also have 1 hour allocated for homework/study time

There will also be one live Digital Literacy class/week and one pre-recorded CSPE/SPHE class per week.

For Fifth and Sixth Year students.

Each subject has been allocated one live lesson/week (highlighted in red), one pre-recorded lesson/week (highlighted in green) and one homework/study time

For Guidance and LCVP there will be just one Live lesson per week.

For all Classes

Live lessons can be accessed via MS 365 Teams, each class subject has a Team. Students should log into their MS365 accounts and select their subject Team to join the lesson. A link will also appear as a reminder in their MS 365 Calendar.

For Pre-recorded lessons, these will be created via MS Stream and can be accessed by students via their Class subject Notebooks, teachers will also email or post on Teams the link to these classes prior to the scheduled time. While I would recommend that students try to stick to their timetables as much as

possible, the pre-recorded lessons can be viewed at any time convenient to the student though must be viewed prior to the next live lesson.

Assembly

Year Heads will be holding a brief assembly for their classes three days per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1.05pm for 10 minutes. This is simply an opportunity to connect with students and listen to any concerns they may have with the remote learning situation. It will also allow students to connect with each other.

On Monday 11th January there will be an assembly for all classes to outline the remote learning process and our expectations of students during Live lessons etc. The times for these assemblies are as follows;

9:15am All First Years

9.35am 2nd Years & 3rd Years

9.50am 5th Years & 6th Years

Year Heads will send out a link for the assemblies. Parents are welcome to attend. The School's Acceptable Usage Policy is available on our Website and has also been emailed to all students, I would advise all students to read this prior to beginning remote learning.

Resource Classes & SNA Support

For students who attend resource classes rather than Irish or Foreign Languages an alternative Team will be set up for them with an assigned resource teacher. The teacher will check in with the student once per week to provide support with subject areas that they may be struggling with or indeed IT support. Resource teachers will contact students who have been assigned to them via email in the coming days.

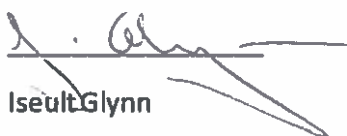
SNA's will also attend these resource classes and will offer their support to those students they are assigned to.

If your child does not have access to a laptop/Tablet and/or the internet, please contact me via email or via the school office number; 06821023 we will do our best to ensure that all students can access online classes.

Also, I would like to remind all members of our school community about their personal responsibility in the upcoming weeks to follow government advise and stay at home to ensure the schools can reopen as soon as possible and to support our health service during this pandemic.

I wish for all our school community & extended families a safe New Year, mind yourselves and keep in touch with us.

Regards,



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Principal