

Dear Parents /Guardians and Students

Leaving Cert Graduation

In my last message I indicated that the preferred date for the Graduation would be on July 17th. As I am sure you are aware that July 17th falls within **phase 3** of easing of Covid 19 restrictions. While it is possible to have the graduation, the guidelines only allows for outdoor gatherings of up to 200 people “ **Outdoor gatherings of up to 200 people when conducted in line with public health advice are permissible.**”

Phase 4 of easing of Covid 19 restrictions comes into action on July 20th this allows for up to 500 people to meet outdoors “**gatherings of up to 100 people indoors and 500 outdoors will be permissible**”

After discussing with the Board of management we feel that the earlier date of the 17th of July is too restrictive on numbers for our school. With that in mind we are now fixing the graduation date for **Friday 24th of July at 7pm**. This is again weather permitting and we will need to allow for a reschedule to July 31th if it becomes necessary to cancel. However, we will make every effort to go ahead on the 24th barring extreme weather conditions. The preparation for the mass has only just started this week but we will follow the same approach as we do every year. We will be in contact closer to the time with regard safety protocols for the Grad mass.

The date for the school Debs has now been booked for Monday the 4th of January 2021. Mr Knightly and the Debs committee will be in contact with regard to this.

Kind regards

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