

Dear Parents / Guardians and Students

The start of another week

I hope you had a nice weekend and to all the Moms I hope you had an enjoyable day yesterday. To those of you that have lost your mother recently or in previous years it is a time of sadness but happy memories past. Ours thoughts are with you also at this time.

I hope today finds you well and ready for the week ahead.

I am sure the week will bring changes again for us all but I hope that a certain order will descend as we all get used of our new routines.

We understand at this point that everyone's lives have been affected in so many ways by the current global situation with COVID-19 and that life in most homes is now very different to that of a week ago.

Some of you now may be temporarily or indefinitely out of work. Many will be working from home while trying to balance changes there. Some of you are working in the front line services such as Health Care, Gardai, Defence Forces, Ambulance, Paramedic, Pharmacy, Government admin and Supermarkets.. The demand and personal sacrifice on you right now is huge and we thank you for all your work and commitment. Please stay safe.

We keep this in mind as we issue and receive work from our students. We realise that for some it is the least of their problems right now but for others especially our Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students and parents that this is a stressful and worrying time for you all. There has been change and therefore uncertainty for you. We know no more than you right now but we are confident that whatever plans are put in place that they will be fair to all concerned. Please stay focused and keep up the routine of classwork and study with direction from your teachers. Please only take information given directly from the Minister of Education or from the school as being fact as everything else is based on hypothesis or prediction. We will continue to do our job to the best we can, and we will be understanding to the fact that as we reach out to our students to support them that they are not all in the same classroom, they are in thirty different and individual settings with very different challenges, support and resources. It is important that time is not lost and that everyone does their best to keep on top of and make the most of things. It is essential as students that you engage in the process. I know as parents that you are doing the very best that you can for your family as always and that's all you can do. It is not for me to preach or do I have any right to do so. We are here to support and help and we will let you know as soon as we have any more information.

Wishing you

A great start on Monday

No complications for Tuesday

No pressure on Wednesday

No dilemmas on Thursday

Many laughs on Friday

A relaxing Saturday

and a beautiful Sunday

Take care and mind yourselves

Yours sincerely

Michael O' Sullivan (Principal)

