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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students

I hope you are all well at this time.

I do not have much information at this time for you but expect detailed guidance on the procedures to be followed in implementing the Calculated Grades model by schools towards the end of next week.

Key areas identified as requiring clarification include:

- How teachers should make their professional judgement about estimated marks and rankings
- Selecting and using a range of suitable evidence
- The treatment of coursework, including details regarding access to coursework sent to SEC and coursework already sent to SEC and marked by SEC examiners
- The purpose of the alignment process and how it should operate

A student portal is being set up which will enable you to confirm your opting-in to the calculated grades model and your confirmation of levels. This Leaving Certificate Candidate Self Service Portal is expected to open On May 25th (but that may change) so that you can, in respect of each subject for which you are entered;

- a) Opt to receive a Calculated Grade, and,
- b) Finalise your entry level

In respect of subject level, it is intended that candidates will be allowed to confirm the level currently recorded or to change to a lower level only.

We will just have to be patient and wait until the process is finalised. I will be in contact then.

In relation to Graduation – We are open to any suggestions that you may have on this. We do want to hold a Graduation ceremony as we always have done with students, teachers and family present to celebrate. We will provisionally set a date in September for this but feel that it would not be feasible or practical until then. Again I would be happy to hear any suggestions that you may have.

Kind regards and stay safe

Michael O Sullivan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael O Sullivan'.

