

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are well. Today is the first day of spring and hopefully as the evenings begin to stretch we will see an improvement in the covid19 situation. The last few weeks have been challenging, however engagement with the online teaching has been excellent and many students have worked diligently since Christmas.

I have asked teachers to be aware that some students are online all day and this can be quite intense particularly for students who continue to study after school has finished. This is especially true for some 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students. So I have asked the teachers to make sure students are not overloaded with work. Online teaching and learning is very intense for everybody and it is important to pace ourselves. Remember half the classes should be taught online and work given for the other half of classes.

I have no news from the Department of Education on the reopening of schools. They have informed me that they are continuing to talk to the education partners. They are also supposed to have information on the Leaving Certificate later this week. As soon as I have any information I will let you know.

Encourage your son/daughter to work as best they can every day. It is also important they get some exercise every day. It is only two more weeks to the midterm by then I am hopeful we will have clarity on when students are returning to school.

Meanwhile keep safe.

Kind regards

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