

Guidelines 22st April 2020

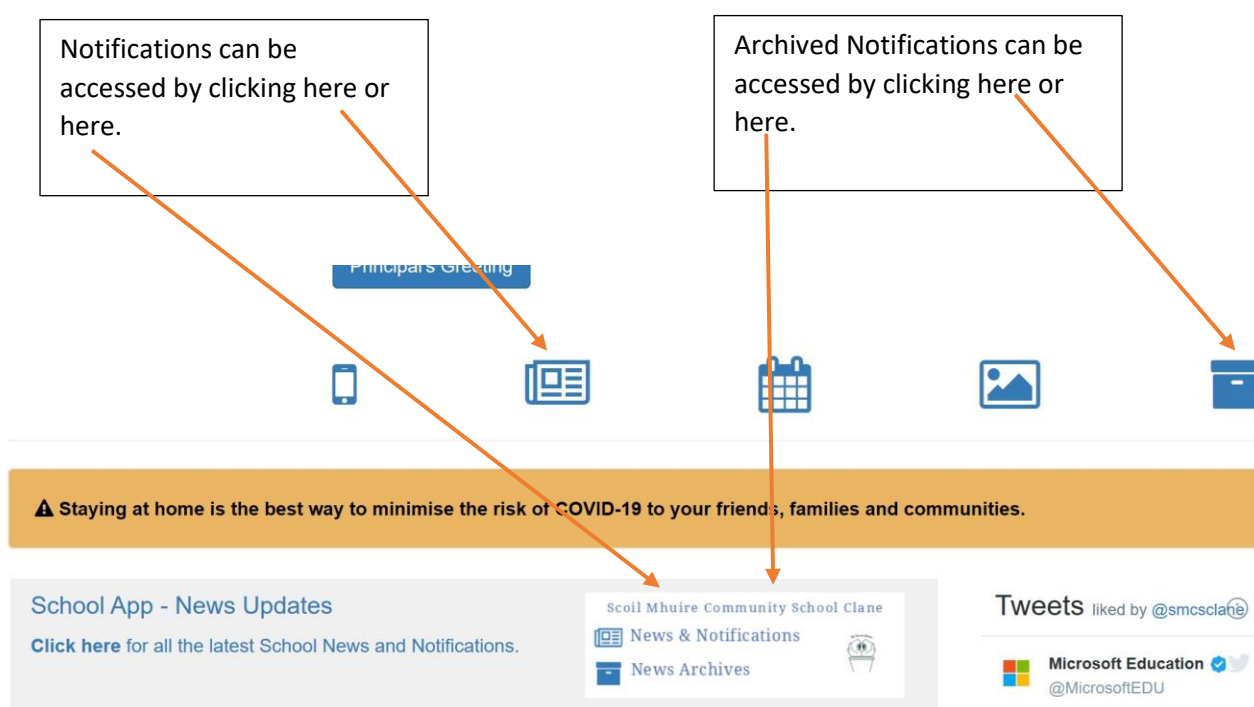
Parent/Guardians/Students

We are striving to do our best to provide for the “continuity of learning” and to support our students. As a school community we have made enormous strides in the area of Remote Teaching and Learning. It is not without its challenges. Some people are limited in what they can achieve by assorted influences. The primary challenge appears to be slow broadband and slow mobile data. We appreciate all the efforts that you are making to enable your student(s) to engage with their teachers both live online and in completing assignments. All anyone of us can do is our best under the current circumstances.

Our school will be closed until at least the 5th May 2020. Our preparations extend beyond this date in the event there is no change.

- Guidelines are not in order of importance.

- All Notifications/News posted on our school App can be accessed on our school website.



Summer Assessments

- We will have Summer assessments for all year groups except the current 6th Years.
- These assessments will begin on Wednesday 20th May – finish on Thursday 28th May. Timetable will follow next week.
- TY Assessments – English, Maths, Irish and French/German with begin on Wednesday 13th May – finish 19th May - one per day or the 14th May – two per day?
- These assessments will be an element of the criteria in determining study levels (higher/ordinary etc.) going forward.

Summer Reports

- A condensed school report to reflect our current situation will be distributed in early June.

Student Engagement

- We would appreciate if you could inform us through the “Parent Note” on this App where your student(s) are unable to engage with teachers and/or assignments.
- We will be communicating further with parents/guardians soon.

Other than during normal revision, teachers **will not** be able to reteach the material addressed during this period of Remote T & L when we return to normal school conditions.

We are asking that students try their best to answer questions and to become more involved in lessons.

Please monitor your student(s) assignments – your student will be able to give you access to MS Teams etc.

Contacting Teachers

We would ask students to take note of any difficulties/questions as they arise while they are completing their work and wait until the school day 9.05am – 3.45pm to post for their teachers. Teachers will do their best to reply to students during the school day. The school community are here to support each other. However, we must respect the personal time and responsibilities of the school staff. Staff are more than willing to help students during the school day. Occasionally a teacher may make alternative arrangements with student's.

This does not include the “Parent Note” on the App for more general and/or technical communication.

TY Students

- Current TY students will engage in four subjects for the remainder of this year – English, Maths, Irish and French/German.

Timetable

- Students are asked to log into the relevant Team for all their classes as per timetable – depending on their circumstances a teacher may go “live online” for a class that is planned for an assignment.
- Please adhere to the school timetable.
- Students must please join their lessons on time.
- Lessons will start at **five minutes after the timetabled start time.**
- Lessons will finish at **five minutes before the timetabled finish time.**
- There will be no lessons during morning break or lunch.
- A lesson may be presented in different styles – e.g. a teacher may teach for 20mins, students then work on an assignment for the remaining time or a teacher engages with the class for the duration – this will depend on the subject, where a class are at with a topic etc.

Scheduling of Lessons

Unfortunately, it is not possible to schedule classes in advance. This is a child protection and anti-bullying matter. MS Teams are working on settings that would permit the pre-scheduling of lessons, but it is a work in progress. Teachers will try to indicate to their students when “live online” the time of the next “live lesson”, they may also put it up in “Posts” within the Team.

Student Workload

We very much appreciate that everyone's workload has been amplified while trying to adapt to this new "normal", 83% of students/parents/guardians indicated that they have adapted well or very well to Remote T & L. This is something to be very proud of!

90% of respondents to the parent/guardian/student survey really value the structure provided by following their school timetable either in live lessons or following assignments.

Approximately 65% of our students indicated through their parents/guardians (570 responses) that their schoolwork - workload has increased with Remote T & L. We are going to take this into account for the remainder of the time that we will be using Remote T & L. We must all accept that the progress using Remote T & L will be slower than in the classroom.

Assignments

We are asking that students write their answers to assignments and homework into their copybooks etc. They then photograph their work and insert it into the blank Word document that has been attached to the assignment. Occasionally students may be asked to type answers directly onto worksheets etc.

Students inserting photographs into a Word document.

We have again added the instructions (at the end of this page) on how to access the relevant Help Video's on our school website.

Classroom Based Assessments

- This is only applicable to 2nd Years.
- We are aiming to complete outstanding CBA's on/before 15th May.
- Teachers will advise their students accordingly

Quiet Space

We appreciate it may be difficult in homes to have a quiet space for students when they are in "live online" lessons – we are asking that students try their best to not have background noise. Teachers need to ask students to turn on their microphones to allow for interaction and to promote the social aspect of the class. Unfortunately, often they must ask for the microphones to be turned off – the lesson then becomes a lecture which is challenging for everyone. Again, we are asking that students try their best to answer questions and to become more involved in lessons.

Using MS Teams for Remote Teaching & Learning

Recommendations for Teachers;

- **Camera** – Teacher – **"OFF"** ("On" at your discretion).
 - **Camera** – Student – **"OFF"** always – child protection.
 - **Microphone** – Teacher – **"On"** – only while engaging with the students – otherwise off
 - **Microphone** – Student – **"OFF"** – unless instructed by your teacher.
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- **"Chat" and "Calls" are disabled for all students** - reason - unmonitored communication on a school platform – child protection and anti-bullying matter.

Accessing Support Video's for Students

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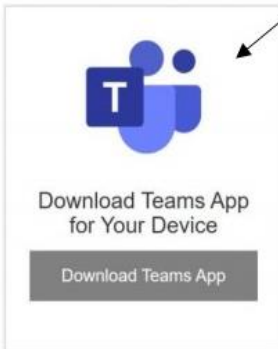


Remote Teaching & Learning Support


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Click on the relevant Help Video. More are added as we progress.


Teams For Students



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