



Headmaster Parent Update Email 15-1-21

Dear Parent and Guardian

As we reach the end of our first week resuming remote learning, I am pleased with the positive feedback from students, staff and parents on how well the academic and extra-curricular timetables are working. I do appreciate that there will be challenges in every home; stretched resources, limited broadband, illness, childcare to name a few, so I do urge you to contact a member of staff, if your child is experiencing any anxiety around logging on to classes or completing homework.

ACADEMICS – [Siobhán Daly](#)

Reminder of Remote Live Class Rules- full Remote Learning & Teaching Policy [here](#)

- Student must sign on with their full name to enable identification and roll call
- Students may be asked to turn on their camera at the beginning of class for identification and roll call so please remind the students to:
 - Not eat during class
 - Dress for daytime
 - Have an appropriate background
- Any student who enters a class that is not theirs, gives their link to another student, KH or otherwise, or pretends to be another student, will face disciplinary action.

Remote learning tips

Jamie Hanlon, a teacher from our Digital Working group has made these online tutorials to assist with zoom and uploading homework to Google Classroom.

[How to access Zoom in Google Classroom](#)

[How to upload homework in Google Classroom](#)

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Any upcoming meetings have been postponed, instead an update on your child's progress will be noted on the Easter School Report. Please contact your child's houseperson if you have any concerns in the meantime.

PASTORAL - [Cormac UaBruadair](#)

Well-being phone calls

Tutors, housepeople, the well-being team and guidance counsellors will make a short call (5 mins) to your child beginning next week. They will ring on your mobile and we ask that you pass the phone to them straight away, if they are available, as you can appreciate the volume of calls that are being made. The number will show 'unknown caller'. This was a very effective way of keeping the connection going with students last year and picking up on any issues they may be experiencing.

A reminder that the well-being pathway can be found [here](#).

Thoughts from Chapel

Rev. Campion is back with his nightly posts on social media 'Thoughts from Chapel'. The class tutors for Forms 1-3 will also play the short videos to their students each morning.



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SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS & ECA'S – [Derek Maybury](#) & [Kerrie O'Reilly](#)

Well done to all students and staff who took part in our virtual Sports, Performing Arts and ECA programmes this week. Our exercise classes and videos, our dance tutorial, and our music and drama classes have all proven especially popular. For the coming week we have added Hockey Skills coaching on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and Susan Leahy will be teaching a yoga class on Mondays and Thursdays. Please click here to view the [Week 2 Schedule](#), where there is truly something for everyone!

Students can sign up to our programme of virtual classes on SOCS and reminders are posted on all our social media accounts – [Instagram](#), [FB](#) & [Twitter](#), & [YouTube](#).

I do hope you all have a chance to relax and recharge over the weekend.

Yours,

Mark Ronan

Headmaster / Principal