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Dear Parent and Guardian

In a press conference this afternoon the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, has confirmed that schools will move to online learning until the 31st January, at which time there will be a review of the Covid-19 infection rate and pressure on our health services. An exception to this is being made for Leaving Certificate students who will be permitted to attend school for 3 days per week.

Although this is a very necessary decision for the health and safety of the country it is undoubtedly a situation our school community hoped not to have faced once again.

This email is to cover off some of the more practical implications of this current lockdown and we will be in contact on Friday with an online timetable, amended to reflect today's announcement for Form 6. This further update email will include; details of an online ECA programme, how to report absences, revised online policies, who to contact for support and our wellbeing pathway.

The information sent to all Overseas Parents and Guardians this morning, still stands.

Book and Personal Belongings Collection

Students may enter school grounds to pick up necessary belongings, at the following times only, at the access points indicated and one person at a time, with all others waiting in their car. We must discourage any close contact between parents and/or students and masks must be worn on the grounds at all times. Students will only be given a few minutes to gather up their belongings so please ensure they bring extra carrier bags. Please email [Cormac Ua Bruadair](mailto:Cormac.UaBruadair) with any queries around this.

Collection schedule – Day Students

DAY STUDENTS		
Thursday January 7th	Time	Access Point
Form 1	10am-12pm	Tuck Shop
Form 2	10am-12pm	Mercer Door
Form 3	10am-12pm	Main Reception
Form 4	2-4pm	Mercer Door
Form 5	2-4pm	Main Reception
BOARDING STUDENTS		
Sunday January 10th		
Girls	2-4pm	Mercer Door
Boys	2-4pm	Main Reception

I ask that you bear with us as we meet tomorrow to firm up our planning with the new information that has been communicated by government today. We will inform you in greater

detail on Friday. However, if you do have any urgent questions or concerns, please use the following contact emails:

- **Overseas Boarders** overseastravel@thekingshospital.ie
- **Irish Resident Boarders** – your child's houseperson or [Cormac Ua Bruadair](#)
- **Day Students Academic** – [Siobhan Daly](#) Deputy Head Academics
- **All Students Pastoral Concerns** – [Cormac Ua Bruadair](#) Deputy Head Pastoral/Head of Boarding

I do hope as we head into this new expanded lockdown that you all remain safe and well. On behalf of our school community, I would like to once again, extend our thanks to those of you working on the front lines, who will no doubt face greater challenges in the days ahead.

Yours,

Mark Ronan

Headmaster / Principal