



THE
KING'S
HOSPITAL
SCHOOL

School closure extended to April 19th, 2020.

3/24/2020

Dear Student, Parent and Guardian

Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar confirmed in a press conference today that schools will not be reopening in the short term as preventative measures to stop the spread of Covid-19 continue. He said he hoped that students would be able to return to the school after April 19th, though this remains a fluid situation. Speaking about the state exams the Minister for Education, Joe McHugh said that he and his department owed it to young people to 'see this through and try to have the exams this year'. Leo Varadkar reiterated this but added that the Department of Education were also working on contingency plans.

We remain committed to educating all of our students to the end of the school year, if necessary, and I am extremely grateful to colleagues for the progress that has been made in the area of blended learning, including the performing arts. I would like to acknowledge the engagement of our students, as they adjust to this new way of learning and living, but would appreciate that you check in with your child to see their progress with assignments and online taught input.

Details of supports available within the school have been sent to students and we encourage them to reach out to staff as they would when in school. Where students have limited digital access, please let us know, in order to provide printed material for them or other methods of learning.

All of our correspondence to date can be found on the website in a new '[Covid-19 Support](#)' section. You will also find updates on Academics and Wellbeing, with useful links and videos.

As soon as we receive updated information on State Exams, we will contact those students and parents directly.

I continue to wish all the best for you and your family.

Yours

Mark Ronan

Headmaster / Principal