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Dear Parent and Guardian

I hope that this email finds you all well as we reach the end of our second full week as eKH. Our thoughts were very much with you as it was announced this week, that schools will be closed at least one more week, and that the hope is to resume from 19th April, to begin the summer term.

Our School Leadership Team continue to plan contingencies, whether or not we return to school for the summer term, and we really welcome the feedback we have received from many of you so far, on your child's and indeed your own experiences. Your acknowledgement of the support the teachers have been giving the students, and your understanding of the challenges of remote working and changes in family circumstances, that they – like you - are facing, is deeply appreciated.

If you have any specific queries please email the school leader directly responsible, so we can manage the flow of communications and ensure that your email reaches the correct staff member. Students were advised last week to stay in contact with Tutors and Housepeople, as they would in school, to provide them with continuity in all the areas. Our Deputy Head, Email: [Louise Marshall](#) is managing the overarching Framework for Learning, to support staff and students.

In this email, we have links to important updates from each school leader, that I would ask you to read by clicking on the headings in blue. This will bring you straight to the links on the website along with a copy of this letter, for easy reference. Each leader's email address is also linked to their name in blue. Error! Reference source not found. – **Head of Academics - Email: [Siobhán Daly](#)**

Your children are receiving blended learning in all their subjects, set either by their own teacher, or another colleague, in that subject area, if circumstances dictate. This takes on different formats. Click through for important academic information from Siobhán Daly and Louise Marshall on eLearning, and SEN, including guidelines for students and parents on how to support each other.

Draft Mock Exam results for Forms 3 & 6 are being uploaded to the parent app and will be available to view from Monday, March 30th. Any SIMS APP technical issues should be emailed directly to Admin: [Rob Shaw](#).

Our SEN Coordinator, Yvonne Mahady, along with members of her team, are in regular contact with their students. Many will find the lack of structure in their schoolday a challenge. Please contact Siobhán Daly with any concerns that can then be discussed and resolved, within the team.

[Boarding and Day Pastoral Care](#) – **Head of Boarding/Deputy Principal - Email: [Cormac Ua Bruadair](#)**



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We recognize that our boarding students will find this a particularly difficult time, away from all their friends and usual routines. Students should remain in contact with their Houseperson team, as they would in school, and parents are to contact Cormac Ua Bruadair. See the link to make arrangements for any student to pick up belongings.

[Well-being](#) – **Head of Well-being Email:** [John Aiken](#)

Our well-being team is meeting online regularly throughout the week to highlight and cover issues of well-being concerns within the entire School Community. They then report back to the SLT on a daily basis. Please click through to a letter highlighting the procedural pathway. This is useful in the event that you would like to make contact with them, over an issue of well-being concern, during this extraordinary period. Our school counsellor, Clair Breen, will remain available to students over the Easter holidays, through email

[Performing Arts](#) – **Head of Arts & Culture Email:** [Kerrie O'Reilly](#)

As with academic subjects, the performing arts teachers are providing continuity of learning for students through remote music and drama lessons. The arts is a wonderful outlet for students and Kerrie O'Reilly has some important advice on how to get the most from your engagement with staff.

[Sports](#) – **Director of Sport Email:** [Derek Maybury](#)

It is vitally important, for their physical and mental health, that students continue to exercise and stay hopeful that sport will resume in the summer term. Derek Maybury has some updates for parents and students in this regard.

We have curated a resource center on our Website called [Covid-Support](#), which represents our core priorities:

- Teaching & Learning
- Your Well-being
- Communication

As everyone's inbox is reaching peak capacity, we aim to contact you with urgent updates only, and will continue to update our online resource center frequently, with other pertinent information. As the Easter school holiday approaches, we will be emailing an update next week, which will include revision recommendations for Forms 3 & 6.

I hope you and your family continue to stay well.

Yours,

Mark Ronan

Headmaster/Principal