



Colaiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

8th January 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your families managed to enjoy the Christmas break in the best way you could and that you are still staying safe and well in these very challenging times. Following on from the various government announcements I am writing to you in relation to the operation of the school for the period of closure from Monday, 11th of January:

➤ Online assemblies will take place on Monday through Teams, the links will be posted on the Students' Team:

- **11:30am** Senior Online Assembly for **4th, 5th & 6th Years.**
- **12:30pm** Junior Online Assembly for **1st, 2nd & 3rd Years.**

➤ Students can access the school on Monday to bring home all books:

Senior Times to access the school:

- From **8:15am to 11:15am** students with surnames beginning with letters **A to K.**
- From **12:30am to 4:15pm** students with surnames beginning with letters **L to Z.**

Junior Times to access the school:

- From 8:15am to 11:15am students with surnames beginning with letters A to K.
- From 11:15am to 12:15pm and 1:45pm to 4:15pm students with surnames beginning with letters L to Z

➤ Remote learning for all students will begin on Tuesday morning at 8:45am. Please make sure that your daughter can access her Office 365 account including Microsoft Teams and OneNote, contact the office if she is having an issue logging in.

➤ All students will follow their regular school timetables.

➤ All SEN (Special Educational Needs) classes will take place on-line as timetabled.

➤ All Transition Year classes will take place on-line as timetabled.

➤ If you think that daughter is likely to experience difficulty accessing remote learning due to a device or broadband/wifi issue - please email Mr. Moynihan at nm@colaistebride.ie to discuss



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how the school may be able to help. We have a limited number of school devices that can be loaned to students in order of priority. Games consoles such as PlayStations and Xboxes can be used to access Office 365, we can provide wireless keyboards and mice for students to facilitate their use.

- The school office can be contacted by phone each day from 10:00am till 1:00pm or alternatively you can email the school office if you have any queries and we will get back to you as soon as possible.
- We will continue to put all letters to parents on our school website, but, if you have not done so already, I would strongly encourage you to install the VShare App on your phone to instantly receive all notifications from the school.

Finally, it is important to note that remote teaching and learning will only be effective if your daughter/ward engages in a regular and meaningful manner. Your daughters' teachers appreciate at this difficult time that it may not be possible for everyone to keep up with the work, especially if dealing with personal or family illness. It is important for parents/guardians to let your daughter's Year Head know and we can provide whatever supports that we can. Should there be any difficulties regarding completing work, the amount of work or the direction being given by teachers, it is important that they be discussed initially with individual teachers in a respectful manner.

Yours sincerely,

Kiera O'Sullivan

Principal