



Coláiste Ghleann na hAbhann

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Dear Parents/ Guardians and Students

First of all, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that all of you are keeping safe and healthy during these difficult times. As you will be aware, the Department of Education has directed schools to stay closed and switch to remote learning for the month of January. This will be reviewed on 30th January. Please note, that schools did not have any prior knowledge of the arrangements which were announced and we are still awaiting formal guidance from the Department of Education.

Arising from the announcements yesterday we will be making the following arrangements:

1. Monday 11th January will be a planning day for staff.
2. Remote learning will commence on Tuesday from 9 am
3. Students will be expected to follow the new remote learning timetable that is available on the school website and will be emailed to each student on Monday 11th January
4. Remote learning will occur in a number of different ways:
 - a. Some classes may take place live onlineOR
 - b. Teachers may be available to ask and answer questions through Google Classroom at class-timeOR
 - c. Teachers may pre-record some lessonsOR
 - d. Teachers may be available by email at normal class timesOR
 - e. Students may be working independently on a piece of work agreed with their teachers

There is no one solution to remote learning which suits all subjects. Our teachers will continue to do their best to ensure continuity of education for our students.

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5. Students are expected to participate in the work as allocated. A list of Remote Learning Expectations can be found on the school website. Students must log on to subject meetings, attendance will be taken.

6. Any difficulties should be notified to the school as soon as possible. Non-attendance will be followed up as per school policies. Please note that teachers will be going on with work.

7. All students have a school email address. Work and communication from teachers will be through Google Classroom. All students received training in this since September and have been using this regularly.

8. As far as possible, we would ask that communication with school be within school time and with teachers during class time only.

Exam Classes: As per the announcement yesterday 6th years will also be engaging in Remote Learning. The mock examinations for 3rd and 6th Years will now be provisionally re-arranged for the week starting 22nd February. We are awaiting guidance from the Department of Education regarding practical and oral examinations. We are aware that students in exam years may be feeling very worried, in particular 6th years. School supports will continue to be available. There will be a CAO/PLC Workshop for all 6th years next week. Students should concentrate on what they can control – such as participating in school work. It is important that they look after their mental health and complete an activity from the Wellbeing/PE Activity program each Friday. We ask Parents/Guardians and students to read all documents on the Remote Learning on the school website together, to ensure everybody is aware of what is required. Also please remember that school rules and policies apply to all student behaviours while they are learning remotely. Breaches of school rules will be dealt with as per policies.

The School can be contacted by

By email: rcc@ddletb.ie or Phone: 01 8201488 (leave a message on the machine if unattended).

It is important at this time that we protect both our physical and mental health. If there is anything the school can do to assist you in remote learning please email remoteteaching@riversdalecc.com

Kind Regards

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