



8th January 2020,

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

Firstly, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year, even though it is a very strange beginning to the New Year for schools, parents and students alike.

As you are all aware Minister for Education Norma Foley TD has confirmed that all schools will regrettably remain closed to students from Monday 11 January until Feb 1st.

The Government decision, taken on 6 January, on foot of public health advice to reduce mobility in the community, was to close schools for the vast majority of students for a period of three weeks.

As of Monday 11 January students, including children with special needs, will resort to a programme of remote learning in line with the rest of the Government restrictions.

Online Learning

- All students will be taught via our **school online platform, Teams**.
- **The existing school timetable will be followed.**
- I would stress the importance of students following the school timetable.
- Teachers will take a **roll call** and it will be recorded on VShare.
- Lessons will start on **Tuesday the 12th January** to facilitate staff meetings and assemblies with all year groups. There will be no lessons on Monday 11th, but assemblies as below for each year group on Teams.
 - **5th year – 10.15 – 10.30 Monday 11th – Teams**
 - **4th year – 10.40 – 10.55 Monday 11th – Teams**
 - **3rd year – 11.00 – 11.15 Monday 11th – Teams**
 - **2nd year – 12.00 – 12.15 Monday 11th – Teams**
 - **1st year – 12.30 – 12.45 Monday 11th – Teams**
 - **6th year – 1.30 – 2.00 Monday 11th – Teams**

Books

As only 5th & 6th years had access to Lockers pre-christmas the following are the times that students may come in and access their lockers.

- 5th year – Monday 11th from 9.30 am – 10.30am
- 6th year – Monday 11th from 11.00 am – 12.00pm



Mocks

- A decision still has to be made re: Trial Leaving Certificate and Trial Junior Cycle scheduled for the first two weeks of February, I will revert back as soon as I have a decision

Options for next years 5th Years

- Students will be making these choices shortly and I will communicate with those students directly in online assembly, the option forms will go online for this year.

Transition Year 2021/2022

- For those students in our current 3rd year who are opting out of TY for 2021/2022 if I could ask that you either (a) post or (b) drop in your opt out form to reception please before Friday 15th January.

Office

- The general office will be open each day between the hours of 8.30 am & 1.00pm Mon – Friday only. We ask that all questions or queries are done over the phone or by email to the office. Thank you. 053 – 9124133 or email generaloffice@preswex.ie or admissions@preswex.ie depending on your query.

I will update you on a regular basis.

Please stay safe and look after one and other.

Kind Regards,

William Ryan

Principal