



Emergency Measures Update: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Thursday, March 12th 2019

Dear parents/guardians and students,

- Arising from the emergency measures announced today by the Taoiseach, Coláiste Abbáin will be closed until March 29th (i.e. we are scheduled to **re-open on Monday March 30th**).
- Students were advised today to make sure that they **bring home all necessary books** and materials with them today so that they can continue to work from home. The school will be open until 6pm today (March 12th) for students to collect items from their lockers, **but will not be accessible for students again** until March 30th.
- Our use of modern technologies in the classroom make Coláiste Abbáin well-placed to minimise the disruption this enforced closure may have on our students' educational progress. Where possible our teachers will provide work for and interact with their students remotely (via Microsoft Teams, One Note, Office 365 etc.). **Students are advised that where possible they should access work and supports online and continue to study during this school closure.** An audit took place today to establish access to Email (Office 365) and all students present had sign in credentials. Students are expected to sign in every day to see assignments set by their teachers. It is the students responsibility to complete all assigned work from teachers.
- We advise parents to have their children **follow their normal school timetable** as closely as possible during this closure. Students should study/do work sent to them by their teachers/ access online tutorials etc. as per their usual school timetable.
- We do not yet know what arrangements the State Examinations Commission will put in place regarding formal assessments scheduled during this closure. We will update you as this information becomes available.
- We respectfully remind all parents to be attentive to the regularly updated public health advice regarding handwashing, respiratory hygiene, social distancing etc. and to remind their children of their responsibilities in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Principal