



OUR LADY OF MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL
OZANAM STREET
WATERFORD

Telephone 051 373476

Fax 051 375278

School Roll No: 64971W

RCN Number: 20148133

E-mail office@mercywaterford.com

Meánscoil Mhuire na Trócaire
Portláirge

6th May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well in these unprecedented times. There are many challenges associated with learning and teaching remotely, including technology issues and the lack of social interactions. We applaud and commend all our teachers, students and parents for the fantastic efforts they have made throughout this period. The health and wellbeing of all members of our community is foremost in our minds.

You may be aware that on Wednesday 29th April the Minister for Education and Skills announced revised arrangements for Junior Cycle 2020. All third year Junior Cycle students will be awarded certificates for the completion of the Junior Cycle by the Department of Education and Skills.

Schools have been given autonomy to decide how best to assess the progress of the students over the three years of the junior cycle programme. Following consultations with the teaching staff of our school, the board of management has decided to adopt the following assessment process for our 3rd year students:

75% of the overall result will be based on an average mark from (the summer test in June 2019) + (the 2019 November assessment) + (the pre-exam result 2020 + 10%) and 25% of the overall result will be assigned by the subject teacher based on work completed this year up to the end of May 2020 (eg classroom-based assessments, project work, practical work, assignments, essays, presentations or other tasks agreed at subject department level).

Slight variations may be required in a small number of subjects but the process outlined above will be maintained as much as possible. All students will receive a written report on their learning achievements as soon as possible after the end of the current school year. It is hoped that this information gives clarity on the approach that will be taken in our school.

On behalf of all the staff I pray that all in our school community keep safe and well.

With every good wish,

Mary Meade

Principal & Secretary to BOM