School Closure Update 18/03/20

I hope you are keeping well, staying safe and following all the guidelines issued by the HSE re coronavirus. Last Thursday the Taoiseach announced that schools would be closed to students at 6pm that day and it is unclear at this point when we will reopen. We will do our best to support the students during this national public health emergency.

It is important that all students should maintain a structured routine during this time of uncertainty. Teachers have communicated and will continue to communicate classwork for students to engage with and students should work through this on a daily basis at home. Students should also revise work done earlier in the school year.

**G-suite**

We are using the g-suite as the method of contact and all students have a dedicated school g-mail. Teachers can be contacted via their school g-mail and indeed welcome and encourage this contact **but only during school hours.**

I ask all parents to check that their daughters are logging onto their g-mail, doing classwork and that there is a structure to their day.

We are is recommending that that the girls continue to work at home as per their timetable each day. Exam students also need to revise thoroughly, study and practise answering questions from past papers. All state exams work (Orals, Practical’s etc) are deferred until after Easter.

**Self -Isolation**

I ask that you ensure you daughter does not meet up with her friends at this time and as the Taoiseach said “come together as a nation by staying apart”. I urge all students to adhere to the guidelines and advice given by the HSE. All of us have a civic responsibility to slow down the spread of this virus.

**Access to school**

We will be available in the office between 9 and 12 tomorrow Thursday to receive phone call enquires and allow students access to their lockers if they need to get books. We will stager entry if necessary.

Kind regards,

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