



Celbridge Community School

23rd October 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians,

As we finish this afternoon for the Halloween break, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, parents, staff, along with our whole school community for your support and collaboration in relation to our safe and successful return to school, this Autumn.

The interim safety measures we have put in place as part of our school's Covid Response Plan have proved very successful and everyone's assistance in adhering to these measures is greatly appreciated. Our students have conducted themselves in exemplary fashion and the personal responsibility they have shown for wearing masks, hand hygiene etc and keeping our school facilities clean and safe has played a huge role in our efforts to minimise risk for our whole school community. We would also like to thank students and parents for continuing to follow public health guidelines in relation to Covid-19 symptoms, and for remaining at home in these instances.

Supporting our students' wellbeing and helping them re-engage with learning and with other members of the school community was a key priority for us on our return to school in late August. We are aware that many students and families may currently be going through challenging times and wish to remind you that our pastoral care supports in school will continue to actively engage with students through Caomhnóir time each morning, SPHE, guidance counselling and building positive relationships among students and with staff.

Our additional school facilities are progressing well and we are on course to have all the current construction completed by Christmas. Once this is complete, we will have, 26 general classrooms, 2 Home Economics kitchens, 1 Home Economics textile room, 5 Science Labs, 3 Science Prep rooms, Construction Studies room, Technology room, Engineering room, DCG room, Graphics room, Music room, 2 Art rooms, resource rooms, library, 3 general purpose areas, tarmac basketball courts and football areas, changing rooms and grass playing pitches.

In line with current guidelines from the Department of Education and Skills, we are not in a position to plan for our 'Tráthnóna Machnaimh' (student-parent-teacher meetings). We will therefore issue vsware reports to parents during November and early December which will outline your son/daughter's progress to date.

We wish you all a happy, safe and healthy Halloween break and ask all our students to continue to follow all public health guidelines in relation to Covid-19.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

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