



Update for School Community – 18th March 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians,

We hope you had a lovely long weekend, are all keeping well and are following advice from our health experts.

As you are aware, all students are urged to practise social distancing, and to minimise physical contact with each other, to help avoid the spread of Covid-19. This should include minimising social contact, avoiding meeting up and keeping physical space between them. Parents and guardians are urged to support their children to maintain this approach.

Learning and Teaching for the duration of the school closure

As previously communicated to you on Thursday, 12th March, the following plans are in place in order to minimise the impact of this school closure on teaching and learning in Celbridge Community School.

Please note that our VLE (virtual learning environment) is accessible through any browser and any device with internet access (e.g. iPad, laptop, desktop, smartphone etc.) via the following address:

<https://celbridgecs.schoolology.com/home>

For the duration of this school closure;

- Students will receive guidelines, material and resources from their teachers on our school's VLE 'Schoolology'.
- Specific work will be shared with students by their teacher for each timetabled class they have during the school week.
- A variety of platforms and apps will be used by our teachers including videos, audios, documents and online resources etc. (All shared via Schoolology.)
- Students will be asked to submit evidence of their engagement with this work by completing specific tasks/assignments and submitting this evidence of learning online through Schoolology and following success criteria for the task.
- Students will receive feedback on this work from their teacher.
- Parents/guardians will be able to keep a track of your child's engagement through checking in with them, supporting them with their work and looking at their Schoolology courses and accompanying submissions.
- Parents/guardians will also be able to view how your child is engaging with assigned work through the Pointi Gradam system on VSware. Teachers will update each student's Pointi Gradam after each class activity/assignment has been completed and corrected (e.g. Home Learning / No Home Learning).

Students can message their teachers directly on Schoolology if they have subject specific queries. If you have any other queries, please contact the school office by phone or email.



Additional information and guidelines

Please remind students to only rely on information from our own government, the HSE and verified sources and to be careful about other information on social media and the internet.

The following government department websites are updated regularly.

Health Service Executive (HSE)

<https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>

Department of Education and Skills

<https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Announcements/information-for-schools-preschools-and-third-level-institutions-on-the-coronavirus.html>

Department of Health

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/c36c85-covid-19-coronavirus/>

Advice from DES in relation to talking to children and young people about COVID-19 (Coronavirus)'.

<https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Announcements/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-covid-19-coronavirus-advice-for-parents-and-schools.pdf>

Please look after yourselves for the duration of this school closure. We will be in regular contact with any updates we receive.

Míle buíochas, agus tabhair aire daoibh féin.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Gerard O'Leary
Principal

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Deputy Principal