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### Message from School Principal

Your daughter should now have completed a week back at schoolwork, keeping a balance between her studies and her mental and physical wellbeing. Junior and senior students now have access to School Wellbeing Teams where they can access PE lessons, fun challenges, positive messages etc . We had a great response to our Easter competitions and will post the winners and their winning entries here on the website next week. We thank the teachers for co-ordinating these competitions and the School Board of Management for sponsoring the prizes.

A new timetable for first and second year students was put in place last Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April in an attempt to lessen the number of daily instructions and to make things clearer for your daughter. Based on feedback received we have now decided to develop a new timetable for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students also. The new timetables are all available here on the website and on your daughters Wellbeing Team.

The new restructured timetable for 3<sup>rd</sup> years will commence on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. For all 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students the following will apply, teachers will only be in contact with the students on the assigned days and there is a maximum of 5 subjects set for any one day.

For all students, we expect your daughter to be accessing work now every day from Office 365 or Edmodo following her teachers' instructions. We will update next week regarding the plan for Summer Reports for our students.

As you are aware, the Junior cert exams have been cancelled in June and the Department of Education was planning for them to take place in the autumn. We are now expecting a new announcement from the Education Minister on Junior Cert exams in the next few days and we ask for your patience in this regard. In the meantime, we expect that your daughter continues to engage with her subjects and teachers and continues to do her best.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> year students received some minor clarity this week regarding the scheduling of the Leaving Cert examinations. The 29<sup>th</sup> of July has been set for the start of the Leaving Cert examinations. We will keep you posted on any new official information in this regard. For now, all teachers expect full engagement with the work and study being set.

We are still navigating through uncharted waters and we appreciate your support at this time. Maybe we will all receive more clarity after 5<sup>th</sup> May when the current lockdown is due to be lifted.

I ask your daughters to continue to mind themselves, to continue to engage with schoolwork, to continue to stay active and to remain positive.

Ms Kennedy our Guidance counsellor has also prepared some helpful online support that may be useful at this time. These have been posted on the school webpage.

We continue to remember those in our school community affected by Covid 19 and we pray for all the staff on the front line who are caring for our most needy at this time. We remember in particular at this Ms Mary Gorman and her family on the sad death of her mam. May she rest in peace. We also remember those of you in our school community dealing with bereavement and we pray Gods comfort and blessing on you all.

Mind yourselves and family

Mr Peter Macnamara