



Loreto Grammar School, Omagh

6th January 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Following the announcement by the Minister of Education, Mr Peter Weir, all Post Primary pupils will continue with Remote Teaching and Learning until February mid-term 2021. In order to ensure that you and your daughter are guided and supported through this process, we have attached a series of documents and links for your information. Updates will be forwarded to parents on a regular basis. While we have made every effort to provide a structure and ensure a smooth transition to Remote Teaching and Learning, we realise that difficulties may present or issues may emerge. We are happy to address any concerns following contact via the school office 02882243633 or school email: info@loretogs.sch.ni.uk

Updated Arrangements for Remote Teaching and Learning, January 2021

Please see an updated schedule of arrangements and dates for return via the link below. This includes re-scheduled plans for Assessment 2 Mock Examinations for Years 11-14.

<http://www.loretogs.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Updated-Arrangements-for-Loreto-Grammar-School-January-21.pdf>

Supervised Learning for Vulnerable pupils or Children of Key Workers

We will continue to facilitate supervised learning for **vulnerable pupils or children of key workers**, as per definition in the letter from the Department of Education forwarded in text link to parents on 01/01/21. We ask parents to register pupils for Supervised Learning weekly using the online Form which will be forwarded. This should be completed on or before Thursday at 4p.m. for the following week. Further details will follow.

Pupils attending school for supervised learning will be asked to:-

- a) Bring a packed lunch
- b) Bring personal headphones, if preferred
- c) Wear a mask in class and in circulation (unless an exemption applies)
- d) Follow Health and Safety guidance: practise good hand hygiene and maintain social distance.
- e) Sign in / out at the school office

Remote Teaching and Learning Guidance for Students and Parents / Guardians

The document as per link below provides students and parents / guardians with guidance on procedure and protocols for Remote Teaching and Learning and direction on how to raise an issue, express a concern or seek support for your daughter.

<http://www.loretogs.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Remote-Teaching-and-Learning-Guidance-for-Parents-and-Students-06.01.21.pdf>

Consent for your daughter to participate in Live Lessons: Opt Out Form

Please complete the Form attached via the link below if you **do not** consent to your daughter participating in Live Lessons. There is no need to complete the Form to show consent as non-completion is verification of your consent.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-yeCOETeDkaBkAVAK4mNqC62qRz21w9Lj-m_SccclUJUMDhaSUFISkYzVVpRTFhCMjFBMUhHVVVRRi4u

Attendance / Ability to participate in Remote Teaching and Learning

As per guidance attached, please continue to inform the school in the event of a student testing positive or being unable to engage in Remote Teaching and Learning, hence absent from class. School attendance records and Covid 19 records will be amended accordingly and the appropriate code applied. Information will ensure accuracy in records and will be available as evidence of impact on pupil progression in subjects. It is the responsibility of the parents to inform the school of “attendance” during Remote Teaching and Learning, so that the school can ensure your daughter’s records are accurate.

GCSE, AS and A’ Level Examinations

BBC News has reported that the Education Minister has confirmed that “all GCSE, AS and A’ Level examinations will not go ahead this year.” All relevant correspondence from the Department of Education will be communicated to parents.

Health and Wellbeing

During this period of Remote delivery, we will make every effort to ensure your daughter has an opportunity to actively engage and interact with her peers and teachers, albeit through virtual connection. Your daughter’s Form Teacher and Head of Year will connect with her regularly and wellbeing sessions will be delivered via Personal Development Class. Pupils can communicate socially via our Connect Café. In addition, a range of activities and programmes will be organised by Departments to promote Health and Wellbeing. Please encourage your daughter to engage in these online forums and activities to support her wellbeing.

I hope you find the information and links useful and I wish you and your daughter a positive experience, enabling progression during Remote Teaching and Learning.

May God hold all in our community in the palm of His hand and I hope you all remain safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Susan Cullinan
Principal