



8 January 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian

I hope you are all safe and well. As directed by the DES all teaching and learning will commence remotely from 11th January for all students. The schedule for the week ahead is as follows:

Monday:

9.00 a.m.– 12.15p.m. Staff Planning Meetings

12.30 p.m. Year Group Assemblies for all Students with their year heads

1st Year – Ms Crumlish and Ms Ryan

2nd Year – Ms Giblin

3rd Year – Ms O’Shea and Ms McGettrick

4th Year – Ms Regan

5th Year – Ms Walsh

6th Year – Ms Browne

2.00 – 4.00 pm Classes begin as per timetable

Tuesday – Friday Classes as per timetable.

Lunch time will revert to 45 minutes 1.15pm – 2.00pm

Attendance: We expect all students to attend as per the school day. Where possible a roll call will be taken at the beginning of every lesson. At the Assemblies on Monday the Year Heads will also outline the school’s expectations of students for the coming weeks. If your daughter is not well or unable to attend classes, please use the notes section on the APP as you would do normally. If your daughter has issues connecting with a particular class, she should communicate as soon as she can with her teacher through Teams.

Teaching Methods: There will be a blended learning approach taken by teachers who will determine the teaching methodologies that best suit their subject and class group. Most lessons will have a live aspect (including roll call), some will consist of pre-recorded tutorials, power-points, notes and assignments. There may be a variety of methods used in each lesson. Your daughter’s attendance at the scheduled class time is essential.

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On-line Platform: The school uses **Microsoft Teams** as it's online platform. It is expected that students will upload assignments on Teams or as directed by their teacher.

On-Line Behaviour – The school's Acceptable Use Policy is quite clear and robust in this regard. It is crucial that students co-operate at all times with the teacher's instructions. For live classes they may be required to have their video on, they should participate in class and ask questions, they should have their school journal at hand to record their homework and assignments for every class. I would encourage you as parents to check on this. At no time are students permitted to record images or any aspect of an online class unless the teacher has given clear permission for this. The AUP policy and an online learning guide, along with instructions for use of Teams will be circulated to all students and parents.

At present we have many unanswered questions regarding **state exams**. We are working towards Mock exams beginning on 1 February for 3rd and 6th Year students, until otherwise informed. For Junior students CBAs will continue as far as it is practical for them to be completed remotely.

We have a strong work ethic in Loreto College and expect our students to continue with their work from next week. We are aware of the challenges that working remotely pose for many students. It is important that students connect with school and maintain a good routine throughout this time of school closure. If you have concerns for your daughter, please do not hesitate to contact the school. For general concerns regarding your daughter's well being please keep in touch with her Year Head. If you are concerned with regard to your daughter's progress in a particular subject, please contact the relevant teacher and if you have serious concerns please contact Ms Daly or Ms Prendiville. The Learning Support department and the Guidance department will also be there to support your daughter in any way they can.

Your daughter's welfare and progress in her studies are our primary concern. We appreciate your ongoing support as we all work together through this very challenging time.

Yours sincerely



Bernadette Prendiville

Principal