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Dear Parent/Guardian

Firstly, we hope you are all well and safe in these difficult times. As I am sure you are all aware the Department of Education and Skills has announced that schools will stay closed until the 19th April which is just after the Easter holidays.

We know there are many discussions on social media about the state exams not going ahead however the Department of Education says that they expect exams to go ahead as normal. We would therefore advise all third- and sixth-year students to continue to prepare for their examinations, projects, assignments and so on.

The teachers will continue to work with your children until and after the Easter holidays. We would ask you to encourage students to keep an eye on their school emails and keep in touch with their teachers. We do of course understand that access to technology and wifi varies across households. While some of us have broadband others are relying on the data on their phones. Notwithstanding this we would ask that you do your best to engage as much as possible with the schoolwork. This is not a school holiday. We have all been asked to continue to do schoolwork as best we can.

One of the biggest challenges all of us with families face is keeping our children busy and in a routine that will support their health and wellbeing both physical and mental. Our PE teachers are putting physical challenges and ideas on social media for all students. We have compiled some suggestions regarding anxiety and worry and all of these can be found on the following link: <http://www.sbc.ie/covid-19-updates/>. We will keep this page regularly updated.

Teachers have been delighted with the engagement from our students and would ask that this continue. Where there are any concerns members of staff are making contact with homes in case there are any IT issues or other problems that we are not aware of. To our students we would like to continue to ask you to continue to engage in social distancing and by doing this you will continue to look after your loved ones.

As a reminder to exam students:

Project and Course Work completion deadlines are extended to Friday 15 May for the following subjects:

- Leaving Certificate Art, Agricultural Science, History, Geography, Music, Constructions Studies and Home Economics;
- Junior Cycle Metalwork and Materials Technology Wood;

- Junior Cycle Assessment Tasks in English, Irish, Modern languages, Science and Business Studies.
- Second phase of practical examinations remain as originally scheduled from Monday 27 April to Friday 8 May, as well as the final written examination in the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) scheduled for Wednesday 6 May, a range of oral and practical tests in the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) programme, along with the first examination in Leaving Certificate Computer Science on Wednesday 27 May, and the final written examinations commencing on 3 June.

Online supports:

1. www.khanacademy.org
2. <https://irevise.com/ie>. This company are giving free access to their notes for one month. To access use the code STUDYCENTRE or STUDYHELP.
3. www.studyclix.ie – excellent website for going over past exam papers and questions.
4. Free Access to CJ Fallon online books. Please click on the link to access all CJ Fallon books. <https://my.cjfallon.ie/dashboard/student-resources/...>
5. Free Access to Folens Digital Resources and e-Books. To lend a helping hand to schools and parents over the coming weeks Folens are giving access to all their digital resources and eBooks on FolensOnline.ie. Parents, students and teachers can follow the steps below to get access:
 - a. Go to FolensOnline.ie and click register
 - b. Select Teacher
 - c. Fill in a username, email and password
 - d. For Roll Number use the code: Sec20
6. Edco Learning have shared all ebooks for free. Go to www.edcolearning.ie/login. For Primary the username is primaredcobooks, for junior cycle the username is jcedcobooks and for leaving cert the username is lcedcobooks. For all three sections the password is edco2020.

Contacting the school:

1. You can contact the school by emailing admin@sbc.ie and if necessary, we will phone you back.
2. If there are any issues relating to IT and students getting access to online learning please email at@sbc.ie
3. We will communicate with you using text, the website, VSware and social media.
4. www.education.ie – updates on what is happening in the Department of Education.

This is an unprecedented situation and we will continue to come together to look for solutions to any difficulties. We will as always work in the best interests of our students.

We realise that many of our students will find the uncertainty of the forthcoming weeks quite unsettling. I want to reassure parents and students that the Department of Education have always made decisions which are student-centred. We have no control over what decisions the state agencies make; we do, however, have control over the actions we can take. It is vital that third and sixth years continue to prepare for their state exams.

We will continue to send you updates. On a personal note we wish all in the St. Brogan's community the best in these difficult times. Take care of yourselves.

Yours faithfully

HELEN CADOGAN
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