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Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Parent/Guardian and Student

As we had expected the Department of Education and Skills has announced that school are now to complete the Junior Certificate before the end of May.

For more details on the government's announcement please click on the following link:  
<http://www.sbc.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/assessment-and-reporting-on-students-learning-at-junior-cycle-may-2020.pdf>

We are now working on a plan for assessing students for the Junior Certificate. The manner of assessing each subject will be different. In some subjects there will be assessments and in others there will be projects to complete. Any assessments will happen in the last two weeks of May and will be open book exams done at home. No student will receive a grade based entirely on these assessments but on a combination of these assessments and other areas for which students were assessed over the past two years for example the results of CBAs, partially completed projects in practical subjects, average of previous assessments and so on.

As a team we are working on the plan for each subject and hope to have details out to you before the Bank Holiday weekend. Where assessments are to take place the assessment will be emailed out to the students just before the exam and students are to write out the answer or type the answers depending on the facilities they have and then send them back either by emailing the answers or by taking pictures of what they have written and emailing those back or texting them. There will be a deadline for returning the work based on the length of the assessment e.g. 2 hours after the start of the exam. We will do everything in our power to ensure that no student is disadvantaged. We will be checking with each family before the assessments to make sure they are able to access whatever they need to complete assignments and assessments.

Once the plan is in place your teachers will email you more detail on their individual subjects after the bank holiday.

Please note that students won't be required to pay examination fees to the SEC in relation to the 2020 Junior Cycle examinations and those who have already paid may apply to the SEC for refunds.

We will provide more details to you before the bank holiday weekend and hope you are all safe and well. Should you have any queries, or should we be able to support you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us on [admin@sbci.ie](mailto:admin@sbci.ie).

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

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