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

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter. As I am sure you are aware the Department of Education and Science has made an announcement regarding the Junior Certificate. They have issued a press release and a frequently asked questions document both of which are available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie). These documents are at present the only information we as a school have at present. They state the following:

*At Junior Cycle, the written examinations are postponed and will be rearranged as school based tests when schools reopen.*

*The intention is that schools will have flexibility over the running of these school-based examinations in the autumn.*

*At Junior Cycle the SEC will provide schools with the examination papers and related materials they need to deliver these tests when schools reopen. All of the remaining elements of the Junior Cycle, project work, coursework and assessment tasks, will also be rescheduled to that time.*

We will be issued with further information on how the examinations are to be run. In the meantime our teachers have been preparing your children for particular types of exams for the past three years and whatever exams will be happening in September will follow the format your children have been prepared for. We will therefore continue to teach your children and prepare them for the junior certificate exams they are familiar with and which will now take place in the new school year and will be managed by the school. We would advise students to continue to work with past exam papers.

Over the next six weeks teachers will continue to teach your children in the same way and we will keep you updated on any information that we get regarding the plan for September.

We realise that this situation is adding a considerable amount of stress and worry to your children and we will do our best to support them through this. We will do everything in our power to make sure it is as student friendly an experience as possible.

Please reassure your children that we are there for them and will help as much as possible. We will keep you updated with any developments and in the meantime encourage your children to check their emails and keep up with the work provided.

The most important thing is that everyone stays safe and well.

Yours faithfully

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PRINCIPAL