



Meánscoil na mBráithre Christian Brothers Secondary School The Green, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

I am hopeful that this will be the final letter regarding 'online teaching & learning and that St. Mary's CBS The Green will fully reopen, as expected, to all students immediately after the Easter holidays. Our 5th years have joined those in 6th year and have now returned to school. It is wonderful to see and hear the school slowly regain some of the vibrancy which we used to take for granted.

While the number of confirmed Covid cases has plateaued somewhat, NPHE recommendations remain that schools should plan for a full scale reopening on April 12th. It is of vital importance that we all continue to play our role in ensuring that this happens. Please ensure that your son(s) adhere to public health advice at all times, and do not attend social gatherings, either indoor or outdoor. We all need to be responsible and give our children every possible chance to return to school. It would be devastating to come this close to fully reopening, and then see that possibility disappear over the next three weeks.

For parents with sons in 5th and 6th year, please be vigilant and do not allow your child to come to school if he is showing any Covid symptoms, particularly fever, cough or fatigue. Being careful and cautious will help keep all in our school community safe.

The Parents Council want to keep the great tradition of sport & exercise going as well as a providing a chance for the school to 'come together while apart'. They have organized a Virtual 5km fundraising run to take place between March 25 & 28 next. Your 'Run for CBS The Green' can take place anytime within these dates. It will be operated by 'My Run Results'. You can register via the link below, with adult entries at €10, under 18's at €5 and a family entry is €20.

https://www.myrunresults.com/events/run_for_the_green/4042/details .

Funds raised will go towards general school activities, once we return to school, and a portion of funds will also be donated to JIGSAW Kerry.

We will continue our series of half days for students in 1st, 2nd, 3rd year and TY. This week, school will finish at 12.30 on Friday March 26th and I sincerely hope that this will be the last time we will need to give our students a break from screens.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Anne O'Callaghan
Principal