



# Meánscoil na mBráithre

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

We have reached the end of week 4 of online teaching and learning. I hope by now, the students have adjusted to the rhythm of this, and while far from ideal, that it is at least feeling less strange and uncomfortable. Once again, both they and you deserve a huge credit for their overwhelming participation and engagement. With this level of engagement, our students are doing everything within their power to ensure that this period away from school has the minimum impact on their education.

I had hoped that this week would have given us some more definite information on a pathway to a return to school. Unfortunately, things remain uncertain. It is hoped that the phased return will begin by the end of February, and our expectation is the 6<sup>th</sup> Years will be the first to return. As soon as we have any concrete information, we will let you know. Due to the ongoing uncertainty, we have decided not to make any specific plans in relation to the holding of mock examinations for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Years.

We are very aware that students are experiencing increased levels of tiredness from this prolonged online engagement. To help us address this, Mr Healy has designed a survey 'Online Learning – The Students Perspective'. Students are asked to complete this survey and the information gathered will inform us and you as to how they are coping with this new platform.

Tomorrow marks the end of our first virtual Wellbeing Week. This was celebrated remotely through a variety of online class activities and daily messages. To conclude the end of Wellbeing week, **classes will finish at 11:50 am tomorrow** to allow students, parents and extended family members time to prepare themselves for the Live Fitness Showcase at 12:30 pm. This will be presented by two staff members (surprise) and will finish at 1:30 pm. Students will have free time after this. I hope all will avail of the afternoon to take a break from screens, and ideally, spend some time in the outdoors.

Thank you for your positive feedback and for your overwhelming support which is very much appreciated.

Stay well and stay safe.

Kind regards,

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Anne O'Callaghan  
Principal