



SCOIL CHUIMSITHEACH AN TÓCHAIR CAUSEWAY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent /Guardian

I hope you are keeping well and safe during these difficult times. I am writing to you in relation to the continuation of our remote online classes. As you are aware, on January 8th the Department of Education instructed that school buildings were to close for students and that remote teaching and learning would take place from January 11th until January 31st.

On January 10th, the Deputy Principal and I arranged information webinars for all parents (Junior cycle 1st - 3rd years & Senior Cycle - 4th - 6th years). Student webinars also took place on January 11th. In these webinars, we explained how remote teaching and learning would take place during the month of January. Parents/students were informed that they would receive a timetable of live classes which would work along the students' normal timetable. For non-live class teachers would assign work or a pre-recorded lesson. Parents were also informed that students were using Microsoft Teams.

While we all recognised that the first few days would have teething issues, both staff and students settled in quickly into the new routine. We stated that if school buildings remained closed, then we would continually review the live class timetable. As a School, we are very conscious of students sitting in front of screens for long periods of time. To date, students have had an average of 3/4 hours out of 6 hours per day (depending on year/class)

I am writing to you to inform you that since school buildings will now remain closed for an additional period of time, the school has begun a review of Live class timetables for all years and students will be informed of any additions/ changes if necessary, Following a 6th year review, please note that 6th year live class timetable will have an increase from Monday February 1st 2021. Webinars with exam students are also taking place today (Monday February 1st).

If you have an questions please contact the school,

Thanking you,

Regards

Cathal Fitzgerald

Principal

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