

Presentation Secondary School

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Dear students and parents/ guardians,

I hope this email finds you well in this very difficult situation for all of us. As you are aware, teachers are sending out work to all year groups at the moment and will continue to do so. This is a new chapter in education and teachers are working very hard to ensure that you do not fall behind. You have all been given timetables and it is very important to follow these.

We would like to compliment all those girls who are engaging so effectively with teachers. We realise it is difficult to keep up the momentum every day, but we appeal to you to continue to engage as failure to do so will result in you falling further behind.

Unfortunately, there a small number of students who are not completing work assigned or engaging. We ask that parents/guardians would ensure that your daughter does fully participate or if there is a reason could this be please communicated to your teachers.

We have been asked by the Government to deliver President Higgins message to all students. Our President is urging young people to respond in a generous way to the Health Service Executive's advice on measures to alleviate the spread of Covid19. This further reinforces the pronouncements of An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, other government ministers and health officials on the responsibility of all to adhere to social distance guidelines and to respond to HSE advice at this time of national emergency.

Presentation girls are reminded that they play a vital part in the national effort to curb the spread and the worse effects of the Covid-19 virus. Schools are closed to students at present to prevent the spread of this highly contagious and potentially lethal virus. By avoiding assembling and socialising in groups, students will be playing their part in supporting the national health campaign. We are certain that Presentation girls are adhering to these strict guidelines and that you are not part of any groups that are gathering.

We would also like to acknowledge the work and innovative methodologies that have been undertaken in Presentation by our teachers promoting continuity of contact with you through distance learning and other means. We would once again like to thank you all for your engagement with this process in the face of the challenges that it can entail, and would encourage all in our school communities to do everything you can to maintain the learning and social and pastoral connection between you and our school.

Best Wishes

S. Hallahan , S Campion & A.Reynolds