



PRESENTATION

SECONDARY SCHOOL
LOUGHBOY, KILKENNY
MEÁNSCOIL NA TOIRBHIRTE

Thurs 22nd Oct 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope that you are all well and that you are looking forward to having a restful midterm next week. It has been a very different first term in Presentation but we are again so proud of how our students and staff have adapted to the new routines in place.

We are writing to keep you updated on the contingency plans we are putting in place in the event that we have to revert to remote teaching and learning online. Following an evaluation with students and staff on our last experience of online teaching, we have put some recommendations in place for everyone to have more clarity on how we will operate remotely and to give reassurance to our students that their wellbeing and their learning will be to the fore in our approach.

It is necessary to approach the online teaching and learning as a community where staff, students and parents are clear on their role and responsibilities which they share in ensuring the best outcomes for the students.

With this in mind, we have compiled some guidelines for parents/guardians which will help in supporting our students in an online teaching and learning situation.

- Please try to ensure that your daughter is in an area of the house that is quiet and free from distractions for all her online classes.
- Please ensure that your daughter is dressed appropriately for their online school day.
- Please ensure that your daughter switches on the camera on her device so that the teacher can see her face for her online class. This creates a much better social environment for learning to take place.
- Ideally, your daughter should have access to a tablet or laptop to support online learning while mobile phones can be used to submit school assignments through Google classroom (it is not necessary to purchase an expensive device)
- Please contact your daughter's Year Head if you have broadband issues and your daughter is unable to attend the Presentation online school
- Please do not expect all teachers to provide 40-minute full contact online class as research has advised that screen breaks and time for independent learning and research are an essential element of any online school.
- Assemblies will be held online with each year group on a weekly basis. (10 minutes in duration at the start of the school day – arranged by the Year Head)
- Other online meetings will take place with our student leadership teams such as Student Council and class prefects.
- Under Child Protection Guidelines school staff cannot provide one to one tuition or support online without agreed protocols including additional parental consent.
- Please understand that school staff must adhere to all child protection guidelines while teaching online.
- Please do not communicate with teachers outside of school hours.
- All issues relating to teaching and learning concerns online should be referred to the school principal on principal@preskilkenny.com.

We have also communicated the plan to our students and highlighted the role they play within it. It is our wish that we remain open for all and while at this stage we feel it is highly unlikely that we will be closed, we hope this plan remains a contingency one. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further support or clarity on this matter.

Enjoy the rest, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Mon 2nd Nov.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Hallahan

Shane Hallahan, Principal