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Dear Parent /Guardian,

I am writing to update you on the model of Remote Learning which will operate over the coming weeks here in Le Chéile. Please be assured that as it did in the Spring Term, teaching and learning will continue for our students.

Over the course of the Spring lockdown we continually reviewed and amended our practice. We have learnt a lot from this experience and teachers have worked hard to adapt their resources to reflect the 'remote learning' model that we are now engaged in. We will continue to find creative and effective ways to keep your children motivated whilst away from school.

Attached is a Guide for Parents and a Guide for Students to help you better understand how to support your child to engage effectively with 'online' learning. As you will see in the guide, work will be presented to students in a variety of formats, live teaching, prerecorded (flipped) lessons or assigned work.

It is important that students understand that they have a responsibility to engage with their teachers and the work that is being set. Teachers are progressing their courses and some of the work being set may be part of the continuous assessment elements of the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations, for example the CBA tasks for Junior Cycle. We continue to prepare students for their Mock Examinations, should there however be any updates on Mock Exams or indeed the State Examinations we will communicate these to you.

Teachers will record non engagement on VShare to allow you as parents to monitor your child's progress. We encourage you to check VShare over the course of the week.

In these unprecedented times our challenge is to balance the continued engagement of our students in their learning whilst also being mindful of their wellbeing. To support student wellbeing we will distribute some 'staying well' information to the students over the course of the week and we hope to engage them in activities which allow them to remain connected with their peers and the school.

The school office will not be staffed during this closure period but we will continue to use our website and our Facebook page as our tools for communicating updates to parents. If however you have any concerns we would ask that you contact either your child's Year Head (details available on attached Guide for Parents) or myself, Ms Walsh or Ms Ní Dhonncha directly via email rather than posting on the Facebook page.

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Ms Ní Dhonncha (TY, 5th , 6th Year) - msnidhonnach@lecheilesecondaryschool.ie

Ms Harrington - msharrington@lecheilesecondaryschool.ie

Both Ms Byrne (AEN Co-ordinator) and Ms Carey (Career Guidance Counsellor) are also available should any parent have a concern or query.

Ms Byrne - msfbyrne@lecheilesecondaryschool.ie

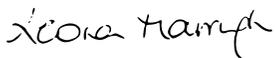
Ms Carey - mscarey@lecheilesecondaryschool.ie

We are all hoping and praying for a drop in the numbers of Covid -19 cases and we hold in our thoughts those in our community who have been affected by the virus. We encourage all our students follow the Government advice, to minimise their contacts and to stay at home.

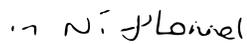
We recognise that this is a difficult time for you as parents and we understand the challenges that 'learning from home' present for you. Thank you in advance for your support.

Finally, can I advise parents that **Monday 18th Jan** is a Staff Training Day. This is a national teacher training event and it has been decided that it will take place online for teachers. There will be no remote teaching for students on this date.

With every good wish,



Leona Harrington
Principal



Roisin Ní Dhonncha
Deputy Principal



Emer Walsh
Deputy Principal