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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know classes reverted to remote learning on Monday 11th for the month of January. It now appears that this will be further extended. This is so disappointing for us all and not what we were hoping for at the start of a new year.

However, we are hopeful that with the roll out of the vaccine we will in time return to more normal day to day living. In the meantime we are working hard to support our students with remote learning. As we move into week three we would like to remind you of our Remote Learning Model, details of which were posted on Facebook and the school website at the time of the school reopening after Christmas.

- Remote learning will be through a model of 'live' lessons, pre-recorded lessons and pre assigned work.
- Students should aim to follow their own timetables, taking regular movement breaks and stopping for lunch. Students should not be working late into the evening.
- Students should begin the school day by checking in online at 8.45am to see any preassigned work and/or double check the times of their 'live' lessons.
- Students can contact their class teachers by email or through schoology with any questions. and they will try to resolve any concerns or issues. Students are asked to respect the boundaries of the school days.

The majority of our students are engaging well with remote learning and we are very proud of their efforts. A very small minority have behaved in a disrespectful way in 'live' classes and we would ask parents to reinforce with their children the importance of behaving appropriately and in a respectful way.

We are aware of the difficulties faced by our families during this pandemic and we know that on-line education is a challenge. We ask that you continue to encourage your son/daughter to engage with on line classes and school work to the greatest extent possible.

We are especially mindful of exam students and the stress that school closure can bring. When thinking about how we cope with uncertainty and stress, it can be helpful to remind ourselves of these key messages:

- Stay Active & Connected
- Stay Positive & Calm

Alongside this letter we have posted links to a range of resources which you may find helpful. We are grateful to the National Educational Psychology Service (NEPS) who have put together this list for schools. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

With every good wish,

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Principal

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