

Coláiste na hInse



8th January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to firstly welcome everyone back. I hope you all had a good Christmas and feel as optimistic as possible about the year to come.

The purpose of this letter is to outline how the school has planned to deliver quality remote teaching and learning experiences to our daltaí during this period of school closure. We hope this will be for a three-week period only, ending on Friday 29th January with the school opening again on 1st February.

Schools between September and December have been safe places, here in CNI for example we experienced 0% transmission rate within the school itself. This occurred at a time however when there were relatively low rates of infection within the community. There are now much higher rates of infection in virtually all communities nationally and had we opened as planned on 6th January or to 6th years and our SNU daltaí on 11th January we could have seen a very different situation within the school.

Overall Plan

1. During the period of remote learning daltaí will follow their normal school timetable (in so far as is possible) with no split Sós or Lon. Daltaí can access timetable times on the inside cover of their Cinn Lae.
2. Teachers and daltaí will exclusively use the Microsoft TEAMS platform together with email.
 - All students in our school can access this platform using their school email account.
 - Students have been exposed to Microsoft TEAMS in school and have also been emailed the school's 'IT support for students document'.
 - Microsoft TEAMS will work on a range of different devices including SMART phones, laptops, desktops, iPads, PlayStation and Xboxes.
 - The school has a limited number of portable devices to lend to students. We must prioritise 5th and 6th year students with these. If a student needs a device - please contact Máistir Gallagher on fgallagher.cni@lmetb.ie

Plan for Monday

Monday will start for all students with a Tionól (assembly) for all daltaí. We are staggering Tionól times as we are mindful that students from different year groups may be trying to access one device.

- 1st and TY: 9AM
- 2nd and 5th: 9.20 AM
- 3rd and 6th: 9.40 AM
- All classes will begin as per timetable at 9.58 AM

Some students may also have to collect books from the school. Members of staff will be there from 10AM on Monday to facilitate this. Students will be given a black plastic bag upon entry to the building for carrying their books.

Book collection times

- 1st years: P10.00 AM and 11.30AM
- 2nd years: 11.30 AM and 1PM
- 3rd years and TY: 1PM and 2.30PM
- 5th and 6th years: 2.30PM and 4PM

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on colaistenahinse@lmetb.ie

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