



Friday, 13 March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Following the recent government announcement, I wish to draw your attention to some important information.

In order to minimise the impact on learning, students should continue to study during the period of school closure. In the past few days teachers assigned work to students whom they met in class. The work for all other classes is set out in the “*News*” section of the school website. Students are encouraged to complete all assigned work and to spend time revising. Resources are available for students on Schoology and on Microsoft teams.

Please note that **Scoilnet** is an excellent website which provides a huge volume of resources in all subject areas. The work is divided by course, by subject and topic. Visit www.scoilnet.ie

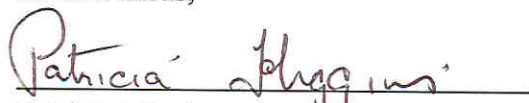
I am aware that this is a very challenging time for students, families and indeed the entire country. It is essential that students are proactive and work to minimise the impact on learning. This is particularly the case for students sitting State Examinations in June and fifth year students completing the Leaving Certificate programme. Please encourage your son(s)/daughter(s) to work consistently during the period of school closure. I strongly recommend a daily structure of getting up early and following the routine of a normal school day. By putting in the effort now, students will reap the rewards in the final term of this school year and in the upcoming State Examinations. Please remind students to take regular exercise and appropriate breaks.

The Minister for Education has urged all students to practice social distancing to slow down the spread of Covid 19. Good hand hygiene and cough etiquette are essential to support efforts to contain the spread of the virus.

The current situation is under constant review by the government. Any updates will be relayed to parents/guardians on the school website and by text message when deemed necessary. Updates from the State Examinations Commission in relation to practical examinations, oral examinations etc will be posted on the “*News*” tab on the school website www.ourladystemplemore.ie

May all members of the school community at Our Lady’s stay safe and stay healthy in the coming weeks.

Mise le meas,


Patricia Higgins