



Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Dear Parent), Guardian(s) Student(s)

Hope you all got through the Christmas holidays safely. Unfortunately we find ourselves back once again in the Virtual School setting and relying on Remote Teaching and Learning. Eight years ago we made the decision to introduce iPads so at this stage our teachers and students are experienced with the use of digital technology. From the experience of the previous lockdown we have learned a lot. Since September, we have provided extra training to students and staff on the use of Google Classroom. Training videos were developed by staff and shared with students. Students are experienced, including our 1<sup>st</sup> years, in uploading their homework and accessing notes on Google Classroom. They have all participated in Zoom meetings. Different classes have used Zoom to communicate with each other to undertake activities and even at whole school level e.g. Table Quiz and School Mass.

We will be adhering to the school timetable and on Monday afternoon I will forward further information. We will also forward you a timetable of when live lessons are scheduled to take place. We expect students to attend the live lessons.

We have scheduled meetings with staff for Monday morning. Staff will send a short revision topic for all classes on Monday from the 9.40 class.

We will have a Zoom meeting with each year group for 30 minutes as outlined below. The Year head, Mr. Kenny and I will be attending these assemblies and informing the students of the procedures for Remote Teaching and Learning.

We ask that all students attend with their camera on and using a virtual background. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend.

12.30 6<sup>th</sup> Year Assembly

1.00 5<sup>th</sup> Year Assembly

2.00: TY Assembly

2.30: 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Assembly

3.00: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Assembly

3.30: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Assembly

Yours sincerely,



Josephine Donohue

Principal

