



Monday 19th October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

First of all I would like to thank each and every member of our school community for the sterling efforts made since we returned to school in late August. We have had to introduce temporary measures over this term that required adjustment by everyone. The cooperation of the full school community has made a difficult time, a lot easier. We look forward to a time when we don't have to wear masks, when hand sanitisers aren't required and physically we can gather in groups again. We just wanted to share with you some updates for the rest of the school term. As I am sure you can understand, everything is subject to change dependent on guidance issued from the government.

Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings

It is with regret that at this time, we have had to take the decision to stand down our scheduled Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings for the remainder of 2020. We will review hosting the remainder of the Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings in 2021 after Christmas. The Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings which fall in 2020 are 6th year and 3rd year. Reports relating to the progress of these students will be available through VSWare over the forthcoming weeks. In circumstances where teachers have concerns in respect of the progress of individual students, these teachers/year heads will make direct contact with you. Should you have concerns about your child's progress please make contact with the school by emailing miccinfo@corketb.ie

VSWare

Parents/Guardians now have access to attendance and behaviour tabs on VSWare. Please check in on those regularly to stay informed regarding progress your student is making with us. In the event of a student absence it is most important that contact is made with the office to inform us of the reason behind the absence. This can be done by email to miccinfo@corketb.ie or by phoning the office on 023-8856030.

Collecting students during the school day

In the unlikely event that a student has to be collected for an appointment during the school day the following is the procedure for collection.

1. Student brings in a note explaining the reason for leaving the school and the time they will be leaving and returning at.
2. The student presents this note to their class tutor during morning tutorial who will then mark it on VSWare.
3. At the designated time the student shows the note to the teacher they have at that time, the can leave the class and make their way to reception.
4. When the parent/guardian arrives to collect the student they remain in their car and phone the office (023-8856030) to say they are outside.
5. The student can exit to their parent/guardian when they have been informed they are outside.

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Online learning

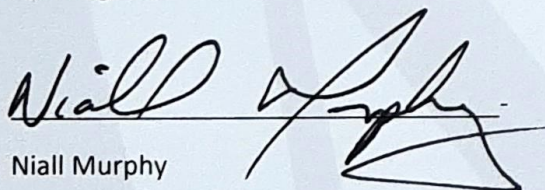
Microsoft Teams is our online platform to support learning and teaching. Teachers continue to support students with getting to grips with the functionality of the platform and how it works for each individual subject area. It is important that if students are having difficulties with Microsoft Teams that they let their teachers know as soon as possible. Teachers will continue to share resources, homework, etc through Microsoft Teams for all students. This is of particular support to students who find themselves having to remain at home for various reasons. It is also important that students at home do check in on Microsoft Teams regularly to keep up to date on work, etc. Parents/Guardians are also encouraged to check in on Microsoft Teams to see the progress being made by their student.

Mid-term Break

As the numbers of COVID cases are increasing both nationally and locally it is vitally important that we redouble our efforts to keep the infection out of our school. With the greatest sincerity I appeal to you to please redouble your efforts to ensure that our students do not visit each other's houses over the mid term break. We are so fortunate that we have had no contact from the HSE with regards to a confirmed case impacting on our school. It is vitally important that we do everything that we can to make sure that this remains the case. When we return the days will be colder and we will continue to ventilate the school through opening the doors and windows of classrooms. Therefore it is important that students have sufficient warm clothing on, while still maintaining the integrity of our school uniform.

Once again I want to pay a sincere tribute to everyone for the great efforts made in returning to school and I hope everyone takes the opportunity to rest and recharge the batteries over the upcoming mid-term break.

Kind regards



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