



**OUR  
LADY'S  
SCHOOL**  
TERENURE



16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you and your family are staying safe and well.

Many thanks for your continued support through these extraordinary times. Our staff have gone above and beyond to ensure that they can facilitate your daughter's remote learning in the best way possible. We have prepared for this eventuality and we had the opportunity to reaffirm our remote teaching and learning strategies with staff at a contingency staff planning meeting on Wednesday. We have now implemented our Stay Connected contingency plan. While this is a new environment for staff and students, we have full confidence that all will adapt and rise to this challenge.

### **Students and Google Classroom**

By now all our students should be up and running on Google Classroom for each of their subjects.

### **What you can do to assist**

This is a new and challenging time for students as their learning moves from the classroom to remote learning. They also have the new challenges of sending work digitally and learning to type their assignments. In many cases this will take students twice as long as writing. Students will need extra support and encouragement during these times as some students will be finding the use of digital devices for teaching and learning more challenging than others. Please be patient with them as they engage with new skills and new ways of learning.

### **Tips for learning at home**

- Please encourage your daughter to create a regular study pattern in a positive working environment.
- Encourage your daughter to be dressed and seated at her study desk for 8.30am each day.
- Your daughter is expected to follow her daily timetable and schedule of classes.
- Please ensure that she also takes the relevant breaks for her wellbeing/ small break and lunch.
- She also needs to take a break between classes.
- Please check that your daughter has accessed a Google Classroom for **each** of her subjects.
- Please encourage your daughter to avoid social media on her device during school hours.

### **Online Behaviour**

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We remind all students that there is an appropriate time to send emails to staff and this is during school hours.

We expect our students to behave in an appropriate and responsible manner when online. This includes how they communicate online.

Unless a teacher instructs otherwise we do not permit students to record lessons or teachers and we trust our students not to do so.

Please see a copy of our Acceptable Use Policy on the school website.

### **Parent Communication**

We will continue to communicate with parents through the APP to update you on developments. The State Exams Commission are reviewing Leaving Cert Oral and Practical dates and as soon as we have any information on this we will let you know.

We are adding a new page to our website - Covid-19 Contingency (<https://olschool.ie/covid-19/>) - that we will use to gather some resources for the school community in relation to teaching and learning.

We very much hope that all in our community stay well and that we are enabled to support each other in any way we can during this difficult time. The HSE has some suggestions for safeguarding mental health during this period that you may find of interest:

<https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/mental-health/minding-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

Please remember the medical staff in your thoughts and prayers over the next weeks. We wish them the very best in their endeavours for the good of others.

Yours sincerely

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