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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am writing to assure you all that we are committed to working to maintain and support all in our school community during this current wave of Covid-19 infection.

Remote Teaching and Learning will commence from Monday, January 11th, 2021 for all students. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all students have access to all of their teachers via a *Microsoft Team* during school hours.

Microsoft Teams is our learning platform between teachers and their students, essentially a virtual classroom. If you, the parent/guardian, wish to contact a teacher directly, please do so via info@abbeycommunitycollege.com and your enquiry will be forwarded to the appropriate member/s of staff. We would ask that school hours be respected in these communications.

Students and their families are reminded of the ***Remote Teaching and Learning Protocols for Students***:

- *Microsoft 365 Teams* will be the platform used by teachers to upload work and assignments
- Communications may only take place during normal school hours
- The normal school calendar will apply
- The school *Code of Behaviour* applies to remote teaching and learning, including
 - *Anti - Bullying Policy*
 - *Digital Citizenship and ICT Acceptable Usage Policy*

This will, in particular, apply to student-to-student communications

Please be aware that teachers, senior management and KCETB monitor all *Teams* - only discussions related to schoolwork are permitted

- Teaching and Learning best practice will continue to apply with students expected to present work to the best of their ability where this evolving situation allows you to do so

We encourage all students to stay in contact with their teachers and to communicate where they are struggling in their subject or require additional support. Not everyone will thrive in the online environment and some students may need additional support or allowances to be made.

As per the school calendar, we have a *JCT Staff Training Day* on Thursday, January 21st and a day off (flexi-day as per school calendar) on Friday, January 22nd. Online teaching will not be taking place on those days.

All official news and updates will come via official text message system from the school and we will continue to keep parents updated via text and also in the correspondence section of our official school website www.abbeycommunitycollege.com.

HSE Advice

Further information on COVID-19 is available at [HPSC](http://www.hpsc.ie) and [GOV.ie](http://www.gov.ie) or phone **Public Health South East** at 056 7784142 or **HSE Live** at 1850 24 1850

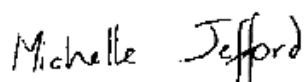
Please find below a link to the HSE Isolation Guide:

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/algorithms/Isolation%20quick%20guide%20Adults%20and%20children%20from%20their%2013th%20birthday.pdf>

We assure you of the support of our school for all of our students, now and in the weeks ahead. As always, please be assured that we are working as hard as we can to ensure continuity of quality education and systems of support for our students.

To all who are working on the front line, including members of our community of Abbey Community College, we want to say thank you for all that you are doing.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Jefford

Principal