



HARTSTOWN
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Contingency Plan for School Closure due to Covid-19 as announced by Taoiseach

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To date we have been following the HSE advice given to us by the Department of Education and Skills. We have shared and will continue to share this evolving advice with you on our website.

We have been practicing good hygiene with students as advised by the HSE and posters are displayed prominently around the school. Our teachers have been preparing for the possibility of a school closure, and have shared their learning plans with their students. Students are advised to structure their school day at home in accordance with their class timetable, take responsibility for their learning and follow the advice and guidance of their teachers.

Our contingency plan is as follows:

- Students have been asked to bring home all the necessary books, notes and exam papers thus enabling study and schoolwork at home.
- Students should access their school e-mail account and log into 365 Teams/One note as set up by their teachers.
- As per our Acceptable Usage Policy communication with teachers is strictly through school email and the school platform on 365.
- Students should use their journals to keep track of homework and classwork. This will help with organisation and time management.
- Please be aware that on return to school there is expectation that school work is completed and returned to teachers.

The following link will bring you to the DES guidelines for:

<https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Announcements/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-covid-19-coronavirus-advice-for-parents-and-schools.pdf>

We will keep you updated in relation to the return date as per DES advice. Currently the return date is March 30th. We will keep you updated on information received from the DES or SEC regarding oral exams, practical exams, projects, CBAs etc through our website and twitter account. You may contact the school through email info@hartstowncs.ie.

I wish to express my compassion to anyone who is directly affected by Covid – 19, especially healthcare workers some of whom are parents of our students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on March 30th.

Yours sincerely,

Lucia Ryan - Principal