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A thuistí, a chairde,

Beir bua. As you are aware the COVID-19 virus is a fast-moving situation and the Chief Medical Officer Dr Tony Holohan has advised that any decision to close schools and Colleges will only be made on public health grounds. The decision to close schools and Colleges has been made at Government level as announced today. LCC will close tomorrow and will remain closed until the Department advises we re-open currently this is advised for March 30th. We have prepared a plan to keep teaching and learning going throughout the period of closure. Please note the following:

1. Following receipt of this letter LCC will communicate with parents through SMS and with students via their lccgmail and text message. Please ask students to check their email regularly.
2. Our teachers have been working on plans to continue delivering teaching during a period of closure.
3. In the event of closure, students will be asked to make themselves available during the day to interact with learning content throughout the period. We ask you to structure your day and continue generally in line with your timetable. Teachers will let you know how they will be interacting with your classes over that time e.g. Edmodo, Seesaw etc We hope to provide a helpline via email in the first few days.
4. Teachers will deliver in as accessible a way as possible. Some of the delivery methods will include use of existing technologies, which can include smart phones and/or other devices. Access to Apps that are accessible on all devices including smart phones, would be helpful to you over that time.
5. With regard students who may not have access to appropriate devices from home we will advise schoolwork based on texts and exam papers. Students with additional needs will be issued a folder of schoolwork by the SNA Team.
6. The administrative team in the office will also be working remotely the College phone number will not be answered. Emails will continue to be dealt with and any follow up phone calls will be made where necessary.
7. Once plans are in place to reopen the centre, you will receive either an email and/or a text message a few days beforehand.
8. I would advise all families to view the videos available on the HSE and WHO websites which outline good etiquette around hygiene and keeping you and your loved ones safe. It is advised that if you are immuno-compromised or are worried about your health being compromised that you contact your GP or the HSE.

We have an opportunity to come together to limit the impact of this disease, both on our physical health and mental well-being. See the following links to HSE and WHO videos:

- <https://youtu.be/1APwq1df6Mw>
- <https://youtu.be/bPITHEiFWLc>
- <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html>

Regardless of the disruption that this is bringing, we look forward to continuing with you on your learning journey. Thank you for your co-operation.

Is sinne le meas,

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