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10th April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

The Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh TD, has today (Friday 10th April 2020) announced a series of changes to the 2020 State Examinations as part of measures to respond to Covid-19, including postponement of the Leaving Certificate examinations to the last week of July or early August subject to public health advice. Please see the link to the full announcement below.

Furthermore, the current restrictions are extended until May 5th, meaning school will not reopen as hoped after the Easter holidays. Schools are closed until further notice.

The decisions have been taken on foot of updated advice from the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE).

### **Leaving Certificate**

Minister McHugh said plans were being put in place for the postponed Leaving Certificate examinations to begin in the last week of July or early August.

Practical examinations for Leaving Certificate students which were due to have been held in May will be rescheduled for late July/early August.

### **Junior Cycle Examination**

Junior Cycle final examinations due to take place in June will be replaced by school-based exams and assessments held early in the new school year.

### **Other Decisions:**

- As part of the wider public health measures, schools are closed until further notice
- The new Leaving Certificate exam timetable will be confirmed in early June.

### **School Supports**

As a school community, we will continue to work together during this challenging time, building on our progress to date, to ensure remote teaching and learning keep our school community learning, developing and staying connected.

This news will no doubt have come as a shock to both 3rd and 6th Year students and their parents/guardians. Further details on both situations will emerge over the coming days and we will endeavour to keep you updated as official information becomes available to us.

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We strongly commend the efforts of our exam students in their studies to date and we are resolute in our commitment to them to support and sustain their studies moving forwards. We wish to assure both our students and parents of the continued support of the school throughout the extended build up to the State exams. We will maintain positive engagement with our students and offer extra support where needed.

### **Stay Connected**

This is a vitally important time for students to remain connected with their schools and their teachers. We would encourage all students to do so and their parents to support them in this regard.

We would like to acknowledge the ongoing work of the students and teachers in our school community in dealing with the unique and challenging circumstances we are presented with at this time in such a positive and productive manner.

In light of the revised schedule that has been announced, we ask that all our students take a complete break from their studies in this Easter period so that they can return refreshed and renewed to the learning process.

We keep all those who are sick in our community in our thoughts and prayers and especially remember the wonderful work of our frontline health care staff who are working hard to look after the sick and vulnerable.

Best wishes to you and your extended families to stay safe and well during the Easter break.  
Yours sincerely

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Principal

Announcement from the Minister for Education and Skills:

[https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2020-press-releases/PR20-04-10.html?utm\\_source=Post+Primary+Principals+2020&utm\\_campaign=6d17146b7e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_02\\_14\\_02\\_29\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_98319b16b6-6d17146b7e-584263069](https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2020-press-releases/PR20-04-10.html?utm_source=Post+Primary+Principals+2020&utm_campaign=6d17146b7e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_14_02_29_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_98319b16b6-6d17146b7e-584263069)

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