



# Coláiste de hÍde

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A Chairde,

Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

As of yesterday's announcement, from Monday 11th January teaching **for all year groups** will be done remotely in Coláiste de hÍde until the 31st January.

In these precarious times, we as a school community must all work together to ensure that our students continue to receive a high standard of teaching and learning online. We are well aware that this will create difficulties in many households and we will strive to be as supportive as possible in meeting the needs of our students. Communication will be key amongst management, teachers, parents and students in making sure that this period can be as successful as possible.

Students will be expected to follow their timetable as if they were in school and teachers will be in contact with them on the days they have their subjects. Students will be in contact with their teachers via google classroom, google meet or via email. Teaching and learning will be varied with live online classes, work assigned, pre-made tutorials, check-ins and feedback.

It is worth noting that our teachers also have childcare to attend to, sickness, broadband difficulties and more and we must all be cognisant of this in these challenging times.

I will be asking the Múinteoirí Ranga and Cinnbianta to check in weekly with their students should there be any issues arising. Parents can use the school App to contact any teacher and all correspondences to parents will be done through the school App also. The rúnaí will be working from home and we ask that all queries be made via the school email address [eolas@colaistedehide.ie](mailto:eolas@colaistedehide.ie)

The school remote learning policy can be found [here](#) in English and Irish. There is a section at the end in how to support your child's learning from home that I have added to the end of this letter.

- Please note that all calendar activities for January and February have been postponed including the 3rd and 6th Year Mock Exams.

- The school will be open daily from 9-13:00pm should anyone need to collect resources from lockers/classrooms. It is important that students do not arrive to the school in groups.

This is a particularly difficult time for our leaving cert year group and I'm sure the last few days have caused a lot of stress and worry amongst some of our students. I've no doubt that extensions will be given to projects and some contingency plan will be in place to assist this group who have lost a lot of valuable time over the past year.

Our school support team will be available to parents and students throughout these times should you wish to speak to them. Isabel (SEN Co-ordinator [isabel@colaistedehide.ie](mailto:isabel@colaistedehide.ie) ;), Pádraig (Guidance Counsellor: [padraigmacanbhaird@colaistedehide.ie](mailto:padraigmacanbhaird@colaistedehide.ie) ) and Stiofán (Home School Liaison Officer: [hs@colaistedehide.ie](mailto:hs@colaistedehide.ie)).

Our health and wellbeing is paramount during these times and I would urge everyone to please abide by the restrictions in place by the government. These can be challenging and worrying times but there is a light of hope coming in the next few months; mind each other and stay safe.

Míle buíochas,

Le dea-mhéin,  
Conchubhair Mac Ghloinn

(Príomhoide na Scoile)

### **How To Support Your Child's Learning From Home.**

You can play a key role in supporting your child's learning by following a few simple steps:

- Set up a learning space in your home where your son/daughter can complete the work that their teachers set every day. This can be a temporary place at the kitchen table.
- Know your child's timetable. If possible, print it off and stick it to the fridge in the kitchen. Our teachers are following the timetable in that they will have uploaded the work for that day's subjects before the class. This is the work your child will be expected to complete that day.
- Check your child's emails. Our teachers are emailing work and sharing links to work and resources by emailing your child on the school's email. Please take the time to check through the emails your child is receiving from teachers so that you are aware of the work that is expected to be completed.

- Ask your child to write down the work for that day in their journal. So that you and they can keep track of this each day.
- Check your child's Google Classroom. This is a part of the G Suite that our teachers use to share content with all students. This is the platform along with email where work and resources are shared.
- Check that the work is completed. Inspect and check that your child has completed their work by asking them to show it to you in the evening time. This should be done in conjunction with your child timetable.
- Check sent emails or assigned work on Google Classroom. Ensure that your child has sent the completed work for correction to their teacher. Teachers are expecting the work they set to be completed and returned for correction and feedback. This is a vital part of the learning experience.
- Talk to your son/daughter about any questions, worries and concerns they might have around the work they are being set and encourage them to ask questions of their teachers for clarity.

This situation is new to everyone and we are all learning together so be patient and take care of each other.