

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware the Department of Education and skills has issued a nationwide school closure to remain in effect until March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The staff of Scoil Dara are working to ensure our students can continue their learning and academic progression during this unprecedented and challenging time.

All students have access to Office 365 where teachers will be uploading classwork, notes etc. on a regular basis. Some teachers are using other platforms such as Teams or OneNote and students have been advised how to access these resources by their teachers. If a student is having difficulty accessing material or has an issue with their login details for Office 365, please contact the school at [info@scoildara.ie](mailto:info@scoildara.ie) and we will do our best to resolve the situation.

We are cognisant that not every house will have internet access and, in some cases, only access to one computer/laptop. We also acknowledge that in most cases parents may be working from home and have young children to mind due to school and creche closures as is the case of many of the staff members in Scoil Dara.

In so far as possible students should follow the routine of their normal school timetable and non-exam subjects such as PE and Wellbeing should be used as time to be Active and get some fresh air while adhering to social distancing protocols as directed by the HSE. (Please see information below regarding the prevention of COVID-19)

To keep up to date with any developments during the school closure, please link in with the school website and twitter for regular updates: Twitter: @scoildara and updates from the Department of Education & Skills [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

The State Examinations Commission has advised that practical and oral examinations have been cancelled and all students will be awarded the full marks for this part of the examination:

- Oral tests in Leaving Certificate Irish and the Modern Languages of French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Japanese.
- Practical performance tests in Leaving Certificate Music.
- Practical performance tests in Junior Certificate Music and Home Economics

In relation to project work and coursework deadlines have been extended and students who were originally scheduled to complete these elements of the state examinations will now be given until Friday 15 May 2020 to complete this work.

The schedule of Classroom Based Assessments at Junior Cycle has also been adjusted to take account of the school closure. This information will be communicated to students on their return to school.

Members of the Senior Management Team and Student Support Team are available to provide support and guidance to students over the coming weeks. To avail of this support please email [info@scoildara.ie](mailto:info@scoildara.ie)

In relation to queries for CAO deadlines, DARE etc please contact our Guidance Counsellors Ms. Payne and Ms, Brophy using their respective email addresses which students in 6<sup>th</sup> year have been given.

For students who may have forgotten books, under the twitter section there are links to edco and folens publishers who are offering students free access to their online books while schools are closed.

Please take care of yourselves and your families in these unprecedented times.

Kind regards

D. McCormack

# Coronavirus COVID-19



Coronavirus  
**COVID-19**  
Public Health  
Advice

## Help prevent coronavirus



Wash your  
hands



Cover mouth if  
coughing or sneezing



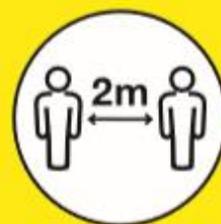
Avoid touching  
your face



Keep surfaces  
clean



Stop shaking  
hands and hugging



Keep a safe  
distance

The virus spreads in sneeze and cough droplets, so regularly taking the above measures helps reduce the chance of it spreading.

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