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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you all had a happy and healthy Christmas and that 2021 will get better as it progresses.

As you are aware, the DES extended the Christmas holidays for all schools to Monday 11th January. Yesterday Minister Foley indicated that schools will be closed until Monday 1st February. 6th year students however will receive in-school teaching for three days each week with all other students learning remotely. (Press releases attached)

The Department of Education has not issued any further guidelines or advice and the situation is very fluid at present with many questions and queries unanswered.

There will be a staff meeting and subject department meetings on Monday 11th January to review e-learning protocols and contingency

There will be assemblies scheduled for each year starting at 11.30am. Details will be posted on the students' year group teams.

As trialled in Term 1, e-learning will commence on Tuesday 12th January for all year groups. The in-school teaching provision for 6th years will commence on Wednesday 13th January.

This email reflects current thinking but as you are aware there is much speculation and debate at present and we are all anxious with regard to the Health and Safety implications of in-person teaching.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely

Deirdre Gogarty

Principal