



Dominican College Wicklow

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

We hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well in these tumultuous times. We understand how confusing and upsetting the announcement made by the Minister for Education yesterday about the closure of schools may have been for your daughter, especially those in 6th year. We know that more than anything you would like clarity about the coming days and weeks. However, as of 3 pm today, we have received no information from the DES surrounding yesterday's announcement.

Since our return to school in September, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff has and will remain of paramount importance. We can assure you that we have put in place the facility to proceed with online learning. Every student has a school email account and has access to our online educational platform Schoolwise. Students and teachers have received training in how to use this platform and have been using it since September.

All 1st to 5th years will begin online classes, following their timetable, starting at 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Students will access their classes using Schoolwise.

There is a useful page on our website with video tutorials on how to use Schoolwise. This can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.dominicanwicklow.net/component/k2/item/350-schoolwise>

We are aware that some students need to come to the school to get their books. The school will be open on Friday January 8th from 10-1, and on Monday January 11th from 9-3 for students to collect their books. Students must enter the school using the Fatima Hall entrance and adhering to all our Covid-19 regulations.

We will be contacting parents again tomorrow with more information regarding the re-opening of school on Monday January 11th.

There will be an online meeting for 6th year parents and students tomorrow Friday January 8th at 5 pm. We will email this link directly to 6th year parents and students.

Kind regards

Lorraine Mynes and Neal Martin