

Dominican College

First Year Parents/Guardians

Welcome

28th September 2020



Management and Support team

- Principal – Ms Lorraine Mynes
- Deputy Principal – Mr Neal Martin
- Year Head – Ms Laura Scahill
- Guidance Counsellor – Ms Lisa O’Shaughnessy



Everyday Reminders

- 8.50 Registration with Year Head/Prefects
- 9.00 Class - 3 classes
- 11.00 Break for 15 mins
- 11.15 Class - 3 classes
- 1.15 Lunch for 40 mins
- 1.55 2 classes Mon, Thurs, Fri (finish 3.15);
3 classes Tues, Wed (finish 3.55)



Everyday Reminders

- Notes when absent – School Journal – Year Head
- Appointments outside school time
- No calls / text messages from student to parent
 - * illness—must involve an adult in school
- Sign out – ring door bell and someone will bring your daughter out
- Comply with uniform—including P.E., black shoes, black knee socks and Jacket



Procedures & Supports

- Contacting Year Head –
phone messages
notes in Journal (Absenteeism and exit notes)
email: laurascahill@dominicanwicklow.com
- Pastoral Care – Guidance Counsellor, Tutors, Ember Leaders, Mentors, Prefects
- Promoting positive physical, social and mental health



Procedures and Supports

- Attendance and engagement
- Lateness – go to class and tell the class teacher
- Policies – Mobile phone, AUP, MDMP, Code of Behaviour, Anti-Bullying, GDPR Policy
- Routines – bed time – technology
- Homework – 1.5 hours – please check Student Journal
- Settling in – friendships, change, adaptation: building resilience & empathy: respect at all times

Everyday Reminders

Please don't drive on to the campus with your daughter in the morning –

In the interest of health and safety.

Drop off point is outside the gate.



Covid 19

- DES Guidelines
- Year Hubs
- Masks & Social distancing
- Covid 19 - Symptoms
- Illness – err on the side of caution
- Communication

Setting targets - Home

- Have a plan - student + parents
- Include recreation
- Implement it - students
- Follow up - parents



Positive Affirmation

To promote

- Good behaviour
- A positive attitude to study
- A positive attitude to school-staff, other students and property
- Respect for selves



Student Leadership

Head Girl

Molly Flood

Deputy Head Girl

Ayesha McCartney

First Year Prefects

- Hannah Byrne
- Ellen Griffin
- Evie Humby

Mentors

5th year students assigned to a small group of 1st years.



Communication with Parents

- Texting
- Notes In Journal
- Special letter as need arises
- Telephone / e-mail
- Tutor / Year Head
- School Reports – 4 times during the year
- Calendar



VS Ware

- School's management system – replacing E Portal
- Login on the school website
- View the student's timetable, attendance, and assessment reports. This will be expanded to include behaviour over the coming months.
- <https://support.vsware.ie/parent-profiles>
- Document with your login details
- VS Ware App – will be coming online

Schoolwise

- Educational Platform
- Login using school email
- Controlled learning environment
- Contains all the students classes
- Access to notes, homework, online classes
- Communicate with teachers, other students
- Parental engagement – ask questions

Twitter

@DCWschool

School Website

www.dominicanwicklow.net



Partnership

School Community

- ❖ Parents
- ❖ Students
- ❖ Teachers
- ❖ All other school staff

Parents Association

Chairperson: Ms Hilary Bunce (outgoing)

AGM: Wednesday Sept. 30th, 19:30

Fundraise / school policies / parent's voice

Parental Support

- Compliance with Code of Behaviour
- Joining the Parents' Association
- Finance



Questions



Thank You:

- For attending to-night
- For choosing DCW
- For your support over next 6 years

