

VERITAS



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Parents and guardians,

As we move to the re-opening of school on Monday we want to reassure parents and students that we are fully equipped for online teaching and learning. Classes will commence for all students at 9 o'clock on Monday morning for all year groups using their school timetable. Students will access their online classes using their Schoolwise account, which students and teachers have been using since September.

There will be online assemblies for all students on Monday. Students will be sent the links to these meetings.

9:00 5th years

9.30 1st years

10:00 2nd years

11:00 3rd years

11:30 4th years

These assemblies will offer us the chance to touch base with the students and to answer any questions they might have. We will also be reminding the students of their responsibilities in relation to our school policies - particularly those in relation to online safety. These policies are all available on the school website.

As we move to online learning, if your daughter has any issues with an internet enabled device or Wifi connection we would appreciate it if you would contact your daughter's year head. We will do our best to put some arrangements in place to assist with any difficulties.

In order to assist your daughter in preparing for the start of school on Monday we suggest a conversation about the logistics and organisation needed. The students need to have the correct books and equipment ready for their classes. Attendance will be taken by teachers and as much as possible we will work on creating calm and instilling a sense of routine and connection. Students will be asked to complete one piece of homework per subject per week that will be handed up and corrected by the teacher. This should bring certainty and consistency to what is required in each subject.

We have asked teachers not to contact students after 5 o'clock in the evening - this is for everyone's wellbeing. A student may email a teacher in the evening, but as much as possible we would like communication to take place during school hours.

The school admin office will be open from 9-11 Monday to Friday over the coming weeks.

In order to answer any further questions you may have we will be having parents meetings next week. We will also give a short demonstration on Schoolwise during these meetings. We will be sending the links to these meetings to individual year group parents.

1st year - Monday January 11th, 8pm

2nd year - Tuesday January 12th, 8pm

3rd year - Monday January 11th, 6pm

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5th year - Monday January 11th, 7pm

We would like to remind parents that communications will now take place using VShare as was communicated in early December. If you are unable to login to VShare contact Mr Martin at dp@dcw.ie. There is also a free app that can be downloaded and we would encourage parents to do this. All communication to parents is also currently posted on the website in the 'Parents Information' section in Latest News.

If you have any worries or concerns about your daughter please do not hesitate to contact the school. We understand that these are stressful and worrying times, but we will work together and hopefully we will be back in school in the near future.

Take care and keep well.

Lorraine Mynes and Neal Martin