

Pobalscoil Charn Domhnaigh

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Minister for Education Norma Foley TD has announced that Second Level Education will be delivered online for all year groups, for the remainder of the month. The provision of education for our young people is vital, and it is vital that all our young people engage with the school and the online delivery. Teachers will be online with Google Meet and using Google Classroom to post work and assignments so it is essential that everyone is ready for Monday morning. The classes will continue as per the student timetable and all teachers will be on line at these times. The School Day is from 9:00 to 16:00 on Monday and Tuesday and from 9:00 to 15:20 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. These are the times that teachers are available to answer questions and we would ask that pupils do not contact teachers outside of these times. During the last lockdown teachers were receiving emails and notifications on Google Classroom at all hours of the day, some at 1 AM. If this happens teachers have been instructed not to reply until the next day. We would ask that everyone respect the school day and confine their contact with teachers to these times.

On Monday morning we will be taking the roll on eportal as normal. We have a group of staff, called the Contact Team, who will go through the absences of 1st period Monday and ring all parents where a child did not log in to the class. It is important to note that we cannot mark a student as being present on the roll if he/she does not log in. This Contact Team will be contacting anyone who has been marked absent to ascertain why they were unable to attend class. If you know that your son/ daughter will have an issue getting online on Monday, the Contact Team have asked that you email them at contactteam@carndonaghcs.ie and let them know what the problem is. A roll will be taken on ePortal for all classes every day and the Contact Team will monitor this and contact and support any student who is marked as absent.

The Digital Strategy Team within the school have instructional videos on the School Website on how to use Google Classroom and Google Meet. They have also identified that both Xbox and PlayStation can be used to access the Google Platform. I have posted the instructions on how both can be used to access the Google platform along with this letter.

These are difficult times for everyone but if we can all work together we can minimise the disruption to education and provide some structure to the day for the students while we are all in lockdown.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal,

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