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## **January Newsletter**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank you most sincerely for the support you have given your children and their teachers in restarting remote learning over the past 9 days.

I am pleased to say that engagement levels with teachers is very good, with the return of work improving each day. Almost all children/parents are taking pictures of their assignments and posting it to their learning platforms each evening. For anyone that is still having difficulty, [please click here for a tutorial on uploading to google classroom using a tablet or a mobile phone.](#)

Zoom calls are taking place regularly during the week and again, we are seeing excellent attendance at these lessons. Teachers are using the sessions to complete tasks, correct homework, revise work and to introduce new concepts in core subjects. Again, many thanks to the parents for facilitating these. They are proving most valuable.

We have provided almost forty school devices between chromebooks, laptops and ipads to children since we returned and are delighted to see them being put to such good use. We have a small number of laptops still available should any child still require one.

We are still awaiting final clarifications regarding the possible return to school of some pupils later in the week that access individualised support for significant needs. When we have received this, I will be in contact with these parents. Should this happen, please expect changes in timetables for other pupils who receive additional help from support teachers.

I would like to thank parents for their time and patience in facilitating online learning, particularly those of the younger classes. It is not easy, particularly where you or others are trying to simultaneously work from home. We appreciate the positive feedback that we have received in relation to our distance learning plan and will continue to work to ensure that we are meeting your needs as best we possibly can.

Finally, I would again like to express my sincerely sympathy to the O'Halloran family who suffered the unimaginable loss of Rian last week. Words will never do justice to the grief and pain they are experiencing at this time. It is no exaggeration to say Rian was one of the finest boys to leave our school and we are immensely privileged to have known him. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Sincerely,

Anthony Liddane,

Principal