

*St. Patrick's Boys' N.S.
Dublin Road,
Limerick
V94NX84*



*Scoil Phádraig Naofa Buachailí,
Bóthar Átha Cliath,
Luimneach.
Roll No.: 16443A*

*Tel.: (061) 412913
www.stpatricksgboysns.com
info@stpatricksgboysns.com
Facebook: St Patrick's Boys' N.S.*

04/02/2020

Remote Learning Update

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well at this time.

Distance learning is progressing at a very steady pace and it is clear to see that the efforts that you are going to, to ensure the continuity of school for your children is remarkable. I can see that the quality of work is very good and where there have been difficulties, these are being addressed between you, the teacher and your son.

While the goal for distance learning initially has been to maintain the levels where pupils were prior to the closure, it is clear that not alone this, as the weeks go by, pupils are progressing in their work. That said, we are aware that there are situations where it is difficult to engage in learning at home, due to a variety of circumstances. Please ensure that you continue to communicate with your class/support teacher in order that they understand your situation and can offer assistance where possible.

More information has been made available from the Department of Education regarding additional support for pupils with the highest levels of need. I will be in contact with the parents of eligible pupils over the coming days to support you in making arrangements for securing supplementary help for your son.

Zoom calls have become a really important part of our distance learning plan. I would like to thank all parents who have helped provide a quiet environment for your son to participate in these calls. This is very much appreciated by all teachers. The following are a few reminders on what is expected of your son while on these calls. Note that we are now asking all children in the older classes to wear headphones during these calls to provide additional privacy for all who are participating in group calls. If you do not have a set available, please let your teacher know.

We ask that the following etiquette be adhered to.

1. **Wear headphone** where requested.
2. **Please keep your video on at all time**, unless instructed otherwise.
3. **Dress appropriately:** No pyjamas
4. **Please sit at a table with your device setup so that it is not moving.** Try not to be holding it in your hand.
5. **Be organised:** Ensure you have all your materials that you need to ask any questions – English and Maths book. **Go to the toilet before the call starts.**
6. **Be aware of your surroundings:** Pick a room that does not have traffic passing through. **Be mindful of noise from other people or pets.**
7. **Mute your microphone when you're not talking:** Only turn it on if you are asked to speak. Muting your microphone when you're not speaking gives others the ability to chime in and share their thoughts without distraction or frustration.
8. **Leave the keyboard alone:** The sound of your typing is distracting.
9. **Be respectful:** Teachers and pupils are real people who are affected by words you say and write.

10. **No recordings/photos to be taken whatsoever:** This is **against the law.**
11. **Using Chat:** Do not use Chat when the teacher is talking. Be respectful at all times, when using Chat. Remember that you are in a classroom, even if you are not wearing your uniform.
12. **No food allowed:** We don't want you dropping crumbs all over your keyboard!

Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,

Anthony Liddane

Principal