



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

To all parents and guardians,

I hope that you are all keeping safe.



We all find ourselves in a much changed and indeed rapidly changing environment. The common wish is that we can get through this situation. As we are all being reminded through radio, tv, social media and newspapers, we are duty bound to conform to the guideline/restrictions being given by the relevant authorities. We too can help all those on the frontline by continuing to follow the HSE guidelines. Please stay at home and remember if going out for exercise:

- Stay Local – maximum of 2km from home
- Keep your distance – minimum of 2m apart
- Stay within your own household group
- Enjoy the outdoors respectfully
- Follow cough and sneeze etiquette

On behalf of the entire school community at Comeragh College, I want to say a huge thank you to all who are working on the front line.

I do also want to say how much I admire and applaud the work you as parents/guardians are doing for and with your son(s) and daughter(s) to support their learning and their engagement with school staff. I do appreciate the many hurdles you may have had to overcome to ensure that your child (children) can access the resources being provided by their teachers, but your efforts are vital so that learning continues.

We wish to share the following information with you:

- School Meals – I am pleased to inform you that the school has ensured that food packs will be delivered to homes (of those participating) from next week onwards.
- Maths Tutor – The school sanctioned a significant subsidy in order to make Maths Tutor available to all students. The response from parents has been very encouraging and there is a very high level of uptake, which I have no doubt will be a major benefit to students.
- Student/Teacher Engagement – staff and management have worked consistently over the past three weeks and students have responded really positively. I urge you to continue to support this school/student work. Teachers may assign appropriate work for students to be completed during the holidays, with an emphasis on Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate groups.

After Easter (if school closures are extended), please continue to contact the school if you have a query, as you have been doing over the past three weeks. As all staff are now working from home, school telephone lines are no longer being answered.

- The school office e-mail which is [info@comeraghcollege.ie](mailto:info@comeraghcollege.ie) (emails for each Student Director have been issued previously)
- Keep up to date on our school website & twitter @Comeraghcollege.
- Also please be mindful that, no doubt like many of your households, WIFI access may not be as reliable for staff working from home as it is in school, so there may be a delay in replying to your emails.



- **Student Support** – This team has been really busy in its efforts to help students and will continue, post the Easter break, to work to support you & your families at this difficult time within the constraints of working remotely.
- **Fake information** – We are aware that there have been some fake circulars being shared amongst the student population & online. Please be advised to check out the official DES website [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) for accurate information & updates.
- **School reports** – *Mock* Junior Certificate & Leaving Certificate reports have been sent out recently. Any questions or queries can be directed to guidance counsellor Ms. O'Neill from Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- **Survey for parents**- The National Parents Council Post Primary are launching a [Survey](#) to ascertain what the reality is for all students in post primary education at present. We would be very grateful if you could take time to complete the survey via the following link [NPCPP Survey](#).

#### **Easter Holidays:**

***The normal school calendar will apply.***

***From today, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.05p.m. students and staff will begin their Easter Holidays.***

Please take care of yourself and those closest to you and be assured of the continued support of all the school staff on our return.

Once again, I hope you and all your families enjoy a well-earned break and staff will resume their work on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. (Currently the situation as we know is that schools will reopen on the 20<sup>th</sup>, however, further announcements may be made by Government during the Easter break)

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Langton  
Principal