



Loreto Secondary School

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Dear student

I want to take this opportunity to write to you and remind you about the arrangements in place for your learning in these weeks.

As you know, all schools are closed to students until 29th March 2020, to support efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19.

The Department of Education & Skills have also advised that all students should minimise physical contact with each other, to help avoid the spread of Covid-19. This includes minimising social contact, avoiding meeting up and keeping physical space between each other.

The following arrangements are in place in Loreto Bray to help support you in your learning:

- Useful learning resources are available on www.scoilnet.ie and 6th year and 3rd year students should be aware that past examination papers and sample answers are available from www.studyclix.ie.
- In addition, all students are encouraged to engage in an element of self-directed learning. You have your textbooks and copies and should try to move ahead in a topic or chapter where you can.
- Some teachers will have already assigned additional work to you and your class.
- All of you have been given a Loreto Bray email address for school use only.
- Online applications (Edmodo and G Suite including Google Classroom, Gmail, Hangouts, etc.) will be used by teachers to communicate with you and assign work.

These online communication arrangements are for teacher-student use only. Any parental queries should be emailed to info@loretobray.com as normal.

All students are reminded that they are *'expected to follow the same standards and expectations of behaviour online, on social media and through any other forms of communication as they would in person'* (Code of Behaviour 2019/2020).

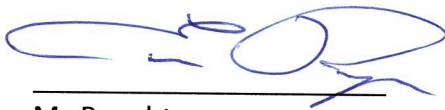
If you experience difficulty accessing your Google Classroom or their email account, you should email Ms Fernandez at googleclassroom@loretobray.com

It is important for students to keep a routine. We would suggest you stick to your regular school timetable. By keeping a routine, you will maximise the use of your time and a routine/timetable will also make you feel much more positive about your day's work.

As information becomes available to the school from the Department of Education and Skills and the State Examinations Commission, we will communicate that information. However, your parents/guardians are encouraged to continue to monitor the relevant websites for updates.

We hope everyone stays well and healthy during these weeks and look forward to having everyone back to normal routines as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ms Raughter', written over a horizontal line.

Ms Raughter