



## Loreto Secondary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you know, we have been informed that the Junior Cycle final examinations due to take place in June this year will be replaced by school-based exams and assessments held early in the new school year.

We are of course aware of media reports regarding schools who have taken other decisions about the Junior Cycle.

Since then, the Department of Education and Skills have engaged in further discussions with various groups about arrangements for Junior Cycle assessment. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 the Minister for Education and Skills said: "I would urge schools to await the conclusion of the discussions with the education partners before taking any decisions regarding assessment arrangements for their Junior Cycle students".

While it is not an ideal situation, the school will follow the Minister's advice and await the conclusion of the discussions.

We will of course update you as soon as possible on any further developments.

Ms Lynch, the Year Leader for Third Years and Ms Ryan, the Deputy Principal with responsibility for Third Years will meet with the students later today online to talk to them about their Junior Cycle assessments, learning and wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Raughter  
Principal