



Loreto Secondary School

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Dear 5th year Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware, the HSE has confirmed that two cases of COVID-19 have been identified in our school this week.

The safety and protection of your daughters, and all members of our school community is absolutely paramount to us. Given the current attendance patterns in 5th Year this week and taking HSE Public Health advice into consideration, we will instigate online school in order for teaching and learning to be as beneficial as possible for all of our 5th Year students.

As part of the public health risk assessment, the school has been liaising with the HSE East School's Team in order to identify close contacts and to ensure that our school is following all protocols and guidelines to ensure the safety and protection of all members of our school community.

As the HSE works through the information we have given, and through the processes that they deem necessary to manage this situation, the Board of Management of Loreto Secondary School Bray have taken the decision that all 5th Year students **will remain at home on Thursday 29th April and Friday 30th April and attend school online for those days.**

Teaching and Learning will take place online via our G Suite facility, including Google Classroom, and students and staff will follow their full timetable for the day.

We will continue to monitor this situation, and the progress that is made by the HSE School's Team and will decide on Friday whether online school is the best option for 5th Year students into next week.

Although the HSE School's Team have identified and contacted all individuals that they have deemed to be close contacts, if you or your daughter have any concerns, we would encourage you to contact your GP. Additionally, there is a walk-in free testing facility for asymptomatic individuals over the age of 16 operating in Newcastle Hospital, Kiladreenan from 10am to 5pm each day until 29th April 2021 (details can be found using the link below)

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/testing/covid-19-walk-in-test-centres.html>

We are looking forward to the students' return to physical school at the earliest possible opportunity, and we will contact you on a regular basis to keep you informed of developments. In the meantime, stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Raughter

Principal

Further information on COVID-19 is available at: www.hse.ie and www.hpsc.ie and www.gov.ie
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<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/472f64-covid-19-coronavirus-guidance-and-advice/>