



Coláiste Achadh an Iúir Virginia, Co. Cavan

7th January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well and have had an enjoyable Christmas break. Due to the operational challenges imposed by the confirmed numbers of staff who have been forced to isolate or restrict their movements next week, we have consulted with the Department of Education and made the decision to reduce the number of Year Groups on site for in-person teaching next week.

The following Year Groups will not be in school on a particular day:

Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th	Year 2 students working from home
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th	Year 4 students working from home
Friday 14 th	Year 1 students working from home

These arrangements will be reviewed daily and if the situation improves then we will bring all students back for in-person learning the following day. Where possible students will receive work in advance of remote learning to be completed from home; unfortunately, we are not in a position to provide live lessons remotely. All available teachers will be required to teach the students who are present for in-school learning.

Any student with symptoms, a confirmed close contact, or who receives a positive antigen or PCR test should not attend school. We advise all parents to take a precautionary approach and to adhere to the advice on the HSE website in relation to testing and restricted movements.

The Parent teacher meeting planned for Thursday 13th January will go ahead as planned on Microsoft Teams and instructions for booking your appointment will be forwarded to Year 2 Parents and Guardians this morning. If a teacher is unavailable for the meeting, then this will be made known to parents by email at 2pm on the day of the meeting.

Revised Arrangements for LC 2022

It has been confirmed that Leaving Certificate Language Oral Examinations and Music Practicals will take place during the Easter break. Dates will be confirmed when known. Mock Examinations are planned for the first week in February and it is our intention to complete them as per the calendar.

As we approach the peak of the Omicron wave of the virus, the situation here in Virginia College may get worse before it improves. It is our intention to maintain a safe learning environment with in-person teaching for as many students as possible with your help and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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