

## School Principal's Report to BOM re school closure response

### **Technology: Google Suite**

**September 2018:** School introduced Google Suite

- All teachers using @[schoolcs.ie](mailto:schoolcs.ie) emails
- All students using @[schoolcs.ie](mailto:schoolcs.ie) emails
- First trolley of Chromebooks purchased
- Ongoing CPD on incorporating Digital learning using Google classroom

**February 2019:** Digital Learning Plan reviewed and further developed

**September 2019:** Additional Chromebook trolley purchased.

- Students and Staff very familiar in using Chromebooks and Google classroom

**March 2020:** School Closure- all students had access to online platform and were familiar with its use

### **Teaching and Learning during school closure**

- All teachers schedule at least one Google Hangout class per week with all classes – This ensures that each child has access to 7/10 periods of online live class events each week. Staff who wish to schedule other times with a class can do so outside of this schedule. 6th years have an option of at least 3 online classes with all teachers every week
- All teachers pre-record work/assign work to be completed during the week.
- Weekly record sheets have been in operation since week 1 of school shut down to monitor engagement.
- Online *Wonder Wall* - evidence of quality academic work continues to be acknowledged
- DP and Year Heads contact families weekly to encourage engagement and to maintain the connection with home and school
- Summer assessment - summer reports will be issued to all students
- Acceptable Use Policy - is currently being updated to reflect teaching online guidelines

### **Special Education Needs Behaviour for Learning, EAL**

- Students are being supported through team teaching, small group teaching and 1-1
- BFL teacher has set up ALERT classes available to junior students

### **State Examinations 2020**

- LCT Provisional start date 29th July TBC by DES
- Teachers asked to teach for 2 weeks prior to start date
- JCT - Awaiting clarification from DES

**Wellbeing – the initiatives listed below organised by the “Wellbeing Warriors” are scheduled in line with original timetabling after school or at lunchtime on a daily or weekly basis and are designed to give ongoing structure to the school day while working remotely. Attendance at these events is very good and consistent with attendance before school was closed. These events support engagement with school during the closure period.**

- Student Support Meetings weekly
- Whole School Sports Challenge
- Whole school music events
- SEN/BFL groups ongoing
- Alert Programme operated by BFL team
- Daily wellbeing message from chaplain
- Daily *Kahoot* quizzes
- Wellbeing newsletter published to the whole school community
- Librarian activities - book club, *Drop Everything and Read* this week.

- Games club – operated weekly via SCP –very well attended by small cohort of like-minded students.
- Homework Club – scheduled each day after school with students
- Chaplain lunch – opportunity for students to meet at lunchtime in small groups – 6<sup>th</sup> years meet each Friday with other years meeting on the other days.
- Chaplain 1-1 meetings based on referrals from Principal / Deputy principal

In addition to the activities listed above each Year Head facilitates online meetings and contacts parents by phone on a regular basis. The School Meals Programme continues to operate via school provider and some support from school staff with target families.

### **Partnership with Parents**

- Weekly phone calls home from DP and Year Heads
- Senior Options Online Meeting took place on Tuesday 28th April using Google Hangout via student email system in place.
- Incoming first year options information evening will be hosted via ZOOM early in May.
- Website Twitter and Facebook updated daily with school news and examples of student's work posted online regularly.