



Dunmore Community School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We are slowly coming to terms with the 'new normal' here in Dunmore Community School.

I just want to update you on a number of issues before we meet on Tuesday morning.

Class groups 4A and 4B

The classes have been divided based on alphabetical order as we believe that this is the fairest way for all the students in the year group. The class lists are now up on Vsware. Classes will be divided for Irish, English, Maths etc. based on higher and ordinary level etc.

Work Experience

After seeking guidance on the matter, we are recommending that students **do not** engage in work experience/shadowing on Mondays for the foreseeable future.

If students have organised work experience, please explain to your potential host employer that you need to postpone work experience and we are very sorry about this matter but we are abiding by Covid-19 restrictions.

Therefore, as students will remain out of school on Mondays, I/We will provide the students with online assignments/ activities etc. to keep them engaged during part of this day. This work will have to be completed by certain dates. All of this is an unfortunate consequence of Covid-19.

Academic Work

Due to the fact that students missed out on months of classroom based teaching last year, the Dept. of Ed recommends that we use Transition Year to try and bridge the gap between Junior and Senior cycle. Students will have work to do in their academic subjects and ongoing academic monitoring and examinations every 10 weeks.

All students must bring an A4 Lever Arch folder with a set of poly pockets, a set of 10 subject dividers and a large A4 refill pad to school with them on Tuesday. All items are to be clearly labelled.

Teachers will give handouts etc. to students to work on and they are to be stored in the folder. The folder must remain in the student's school bag and be brought in and out of school each day.

Looking forward to meeting you all on Tuesday, stay safe and kind regards

Mary Scarry

Year Head