



1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> (Transition Year) Students - Phased Re-Opening of the School**

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

As announced by the Minister for Education (see letter [Letter from Minister for Ed. 24 Feb 2021](#) ) students in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (Transition) year will not be returning to in-school teaching and learning until after the Easter holidays (April 12<sup>th</sup>).

This means that for all of these students teaching and learning will continue online for the next four weeks. We really appreciate how challenging and difficult it can be for both students and teachers to work online and want to congratulate you all for doing your very best to stay connected with your learning.

**For the next four weeks it is really important that students:**

- Follow their school timetable online
- Attend their live classes
- Complete and submit assigned work
- Contact the school if they need any support with their school work

**3<sup>rd</sup> Years – Junior Cycle 2021**

As you are aware, the Minister for Education announced on 17<sup>th</sup> February that the Junior Cycle exams 2021 have been cancelled. It is important to remember, however, that it is just the state exams that are cancelled, students will continue to be assessed on their learning and achievement (including during the period of remote of learning) until the summer.

The school will issue each student with a Junior Cycle Record of Achievement which will reflect their learning and attainment over the full 3 years, up until the summer. We will send you more details about this in the coming weeks. The Department of Education will also issue a certificate to students upon completion of their junior cycle.

It is therefore really important that 3<sup>rd</sup> year students continue to engage with their learning right up until the summer holidays to ensure that achieve the Junior Cycle Record of Achievement that they deserve, which reflect all their hard work and participation. If students have not been engaging as well as they could have up until now it is not too late to begin taking part in your live classes and completing/submtting your school work.



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**Students – if you have not been engaging with your learning online** by following your school timetable, attending your live classes and completing/submitting your assigned work now is the time to reconnect. Email the school if you need help with any of this. Your teachers, tutors and Year Heads will do their very best to support as you re-engage. You have time over the next four weeks to complete a lot of extremely important work that will contribute to your successful completion of this school year.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> and TY Students**

In the next few weeks we will be contacting you about your programme and subject choices for next year. Parents/Guardians and students will be invited to online information sessions about the options. You will be expected to attend these sessions and also to follow the application process for choosing subjects and applying for a place in a senior cycle programme.

### **Information for parents/guardians and students**

#### **Remember to keep yourself informed by checking these websites for information:**

- Please check HSE website regularly [Coronavirus - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie);
- [Home - Larkin Community College](#) and in particular the section about Reopening the School/COVID-19 which can be found by clicking here [Larkin Community College](#).;
- For Information on wellbeing supports please check out: [Larkin Community College](#) (Wellbeing page) and [gov.ie - Wellbeing advice and resources during COVID-19](https://www.gov.ie) ([www.gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie))
- For information about the return to school: [gov.ie - Information for students, parents and families](https://www.gov.ie) ([www.gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie)) where you find some helpful videos and information booklets/posters.

Please contact the school if you have any queries or questions or need any extra supports. We will do our best to answer your questions and if we cannot provide the support you require we will do our very best to refer you to an organisation that can. You can email the school at [larkinupdates@lcc.cdetb.ie](mailto:larkinupdates@lcc.cdetb.ie).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support. We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to the school again after the Easter holidays.

Kind regards,

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Thomas Usher  
Principal