



Wash your hands for 20 secs



Use a tissue for coughs



Avoid touching your face

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We have a very different run-in ahead of us all until May 29th. We would like to congratulate all our CBC students and members of the CBC community for their on-line participation to date. We all are adapting to our new learning environment and missing school as we knew it. The past two months have shown us that schools are much more than places where information is passed on. Schools are about relationships, connections, experiences - indeed schools are the path and not the point! We will come through this crisis together as a school community. We need to support each other with kind and thoughtful words and actions. We also remember that some families in our school community are mourning the loss of loved ones from the COVID-19 virus. Go ndéana Dia trócaire orthu.

This week we learned that the 3rd Year Junior Cycle students will have no State Exams in September and that the assessment of their learning will be provided by their teachers. Schools will decide how this assessment is to be arrived at and the format in which the report is provided. At present, the Leaving Certificate written exams are due to begin on July 29th with the timetable due for publication in early June. School exams will take place at the end of May for year groups from 1st Year to 5th Year.

Roadmap for Reopening Society & Business

Our government has been working with a range of Departments and stakeholders to draw up a roadmap for modifying restrictions imposed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. This Roadmap includes:

- 1. A sequence of actions to re-open the economy and society**
- 2. A decision-making framework for Government**
- 3. A process for engaging with unions, employers and other representative groups to build a co-operative approach to re-opening workplaces and other facilities**
- 4. An updated economic policy response**
- 5. Updated response on other pressing societal concerns**
- 6. Travel and international co-operation**



According to the roadmap, education facilities will commence opening on a phased basis at the beginning of the school year 2020-21 with social distancing and other requirements applying.

Leaving Cert & Junior Cert/Cycle Fee Update:

The Department of Education have released the following update in relation to payments for both the Junior Cycle and the Leaving Certificate:

Junior Cert/Cycle: Students will not be required to pay an examination fees to the SEC in relation to the 2020 Junior Cycle examinations, the SEC will be issuing a refund to all students who have already paid. There is no need to contact the State Examinations Commission as refunds will be made automatically. Further details will be sent to all schools in the coming days.

Leaving Certificate: The closing date for payment of the Leaving Cert examination fee is being extended until after the exams are complete and the results has issued. To read the DES statement in full, please log on to: <https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2020-pressreleases/PR20-04-29.html>

A word from the Board of Management.....

The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic has created many unforeseen challenges for people throughout the world. In all likelihood, social isolation, movement limitations and mobility restrictive measures will disrupt social life, economic life and school-based education for several more months. The Board of Management of CBC would like to congratulate and commend each and every member of the school community for its constructive and engaged response to the current Covid-19 pandemic. We have been very heartened by the manner in which our students, parents, your families, teachers, SNAs and school staff have demonstrated their capacity to respond in these unprecedented times. You have all modelled great resilience in your approach to dealing with the situation. To our students and their families, we know that the current situation is causing you much anxiety and frustration, affecting many of the daily activities that we all once took for granted. We thank you for trusting your teachers and engaging so well with these new processes. Your levels of engagement and support for one another at this time have been so impressive. Parents, we thank you for sharing your support, encouragement and feedback - it's very much appreciated. The Board will establish the creation of a CBC Memorial that will mark the memory of loved ones who have died at this time of challenge for everyone.

CBC ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TEAM (AEN)

The CBC AEN Team is available for direct support & consultation work with students and parents. Please contact us:
Ms Fleming: nfl@cbcmonkstown.ie
Ms Duffy: ady@cbcmonkstown.ie

CBC STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM (SST)

The CBC SST Team are available for direct support & consultation with all students and parents. Please contact us:
Mr Murphy: cbcmonkstownguidance@outlook.com
Ms Barnwell: mbgc@cbcmonkstown.ie

Coronavirus: Stay at home

Health information and advice to stop the spread of coronavirus.



May Exams:

- Dates: May 25th - May 29th
- 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH & 5TH Year
- 1 Hour duration for each exam
- Hand-written exams to be submitted via instructions sheet in exam pack

- Exam Timetable will be sent out via e-mail from the office
- Exams papers will be posted out the week before
- Need parents/guardians/older siblings to distribute and collect exam paper at allotted time for submission
- Allow 30 minutes for submission to teacher after exam finishing time
- Exam can be submitted as part of Google Assignment in Google Classroom
- Same exam paper across the year group in most cases
- Students to put their name on each page
- Reports will issue in June

May 5th – Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice



**Blessed Edmund Rice
(1762–1844)
Businessman, Father,
Widower, Teacher,
Founder of the
Christian Brothers,
Friend of the Poor.
Beatified
October 6th, 1996.
Feast Day: May 5th.**


Iontaobhas Scoileanna Éamainn Rís
Edmund Rice Schools Trust

This year we celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund in very different circumstances. Regulations designed to curb the spread of Covid-19 keeps us apart but this doesn't mean that we can't come together in the spirit of Blessed Edmund to support each other in our endeavours. Let's make this an Edmund Rice Day like no other where we celebrate our efforts to stand together in solidarity with those less fortunate. May we wish everyone in our school community, a very happy feast day on Tuesday May 5th.

Edmund and his companions took religious vows and the congregation of the Christian Brothers of Ireland was formed in 1802. The success of the first school at Mount Sion in Waterford led to schools being opened in other parts of the country – Carrick-on-Suir, Dungarvan, Cork, Limerick, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire (1854 Christian Brothers School Eblana Avenue, original incarnation of CBC). Today, there are over 270 Edmund Rice schools worldwide. Edmund died in 1844, aged 82 years. In 1996, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II, becoming Blessed Edmund Rice.

Physical Distancing - For your safety please keep 2 metres (6 feet) from one another in queues



Design the CBC Student Journal Cover Competition 2020-21 - €100- Prize

The 2020-21 CBC School Journal Cover Design Competition is now up and running. This competition is open to all CBC students who now have the opportunity to design the cover of this year's School Journal. The pandemic is a challenging time for everyone but every cloud has a silver lining! One of the positives of the lockdown is that it has given us all a time-out, time to look at things differently, to re-evaluate, reflect and reframe our perspectives. Why not express some of what you have been feeling since we've been in lockdown. What have you been missing? Your friends, the outdoors, maybe even your teachers! What have you found difficult to manage? What have you learned about yourself? How has being a CBC student helped you through this? Use these feelings and incorporate them into your design. All entries this year by e-mail. If your entry is a hand-drawn/painted picture, take a photo and e-mail it. We will request the winning entry only by post. All entries by e-mail to: office@cbcmonkstown.ie **Closing date is 5pm on Tuesday May 12th!**



Support Phone Lines - This time of isolation can be difficult for everyone. If you feel you need support, please reach out to one of the organisations below:

- **Jigsaw - for parents and students alike - 1800 544729**
- **Pieta House - 1800 247247 or TEXT HELP to 51444**
- **Samaritans - Freephone 116123**
- **Teenline - 1800 833634**
- **Aware - 1800 80 48 48**
- **Shine - 01 860 1622**

Coronavirus COVID-19



Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice

If you have fever and/or cough you should stay at home regardless of your travel or contact history.

If you have returned from an area that is subject to travel restrictions due to COVID-19 you should restrict your movement for 14 days. Check the list of affected areas on www.dfa.ie

How to Prevent

 Wash your hands well and often to avoid contamination	 Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue	 Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands	 Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces	 Stop shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people	 Distance yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell
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All people are advised to:

- > **Reduce** social interactions
- > **Keep a distance** of 2m between you and other people
- > **Do not** shake hands or make close contact where possible

If you have symptoms visit hse.ie QR phone HSE Live 1850 24 1850

Symptoms

> Fever (High Temperature) > A Cough > Shortness of Breath > Breathing Difficulties

For daily updates visit

www.gov.ie/health-covid-19
www.hse.ie

Ireland is operating a containment strategy in line with WHO and ECDC advice



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