



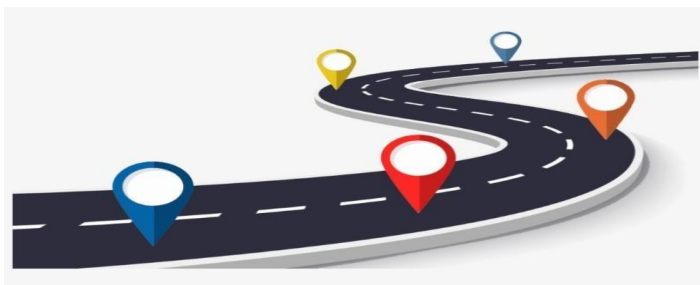
Re: School Closure Updates – Parent/Guardian & Student Briefing Document No.6

(22ND May)

Dear Parents & Students,

The end of the school year is nearly upon us and we have a very different run-in this year compared to any previous year. With the onset of your summer holidays, we would like to acknowledge and congratulate all our CBC students, their parents and families and all the CBC staff for their patience, on-line participation and engagement to date. We are all adapting to our new learning environment and missing school as we knew it. The past few months have shown us that schools are much more than places where information is passed on. Schools are about relationships, connections and experiences. We 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.

As the Covid-19 global pandemic continues, the restrictions on mobility created by physical distancing have impacted on education at all levels. In all likelihood movement limitations and mobility restrictive measures will disrupt life and school-based education for several more months. The main strategy available to prevent the rapid spread of infections is likely to consist of social/physical distancing. In CBC, we are currently considering various plans aimed at developing adaptive, coherent, effective and equitable measures for the continuation of education through traditional and possible alternative methods. Many students and parents are asking about next year but that is all to be worked out yet – please be assured that CBC will communicate with you during the summer and when we know more. Beir Bua agus Beannacht!



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.

**Wash your
hands for
20 secs**



**Use a
tissue for
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**Avoid
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Remember Our 6th Years

Let us pay a huge tribute to all our 6th Year students, their parents, families and teachers for their reserves of resilience, determination and connection online through all the uncertainty of these challenging times. Everyone has supported each other through the many obstacles along the way and we are really so proud of the fine young gentlemen that are in Class of 2020.

We thank their parents for allowing us to work with these fine young gentlemen – they are all a credit to you. Our lives in CBC have been enriched in serving the educational and pastoral needs of your sons on their journey.

Their teachers and other school staff have so many personal and precious memories of them all during their time in CBC. At present the opportunity to graduate from CBC is temporarily gone but CBC looks forward to honouring them all at a future Graduation Ceremony when it is feasible to do so.

Summer Exams – Good Luck!



We have always believed that an end of year focus for our students was crucial in maintaining their engagement in these unprecedented times. We believe that our students should have an opportunity to

demonstrate their learning achievements and progress to date. All exams are of one hour's duration and students will have 30 minutes following the end of each exam to submit a photo of their work to the Google Classroom Assignment pertaining to the teacher/subject concerned.

We greatly appreciate your kind support in the running of these exams. We fully acknowledge that there may well be some challenges in holding them in busy households where other family members are engaged online as well. In order to refocus the literacy and hand-writing skills of our students, we require the hand-written scripts to be returned to the school in the stamped-addressed envelope enclosed in each exam pack. We would ask that you keep all the exams in a secure place at home and distribute them at the appointed exam timetabled times (the timetable is on the school's website). The completed scripts can then be returned in one bundle via the stamped-addressed envelope or dropped into the school from Monday June 1st. There will be a special delivery box outside the school reception building in CBC from 10am on Monday June 1st. Please get the exams back to the school quickly and ensure that your son's name is on everything that is handed back to the school.

President Higgins records message of hope and thanks for students in post-primary education – May 2020



President Michael D. Higgins has issued special video messages for students in post-primary education.

Schools across Ireland have been closed since the evening of Thursday 12 March, disrupting the lives of thousands of students all around the country. In his message to students in post-

primary level education President Higgins acknowledges the disruption to the important events in young people's lives.

The President thanks the students for playing their part in efforts to curtail the spread of the virus and concludes by saying "Stay safe and continue to keep others safe. The crisis will pass, and out of this dark time will emerge a brighter period ahead for all of us to enjoy."

Text Version of Speech: (PDF)

<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/74514/aef9b7778d8e44588d94a69168639610.pdf#page=1>

Video Version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wblm80GEM88&feature=youtu.be>

Audio Version: <https://soundcloud.com/presidentirl/message-for-secondary-school-students-from-president-michael-d-higgins-may-2020>

Reflection

Learning in CBC is not just about going through a curriculum – it's about learning values for life, growth, maturity, connection, respect, tolerance, gratitude, empathy, leadership, communication, celebration, friendship, support, kindness and integrity. Somewhere out there is a song called 'Fighting the Good Fight'. It's recorded by the band Unbroken and mirrors the thoughts behind our great school motto, Certa Bonum Certamen – Fight the Good Fight!



The rainbow has become a symbol of hope and support during the COVID-19 pandemic across the world. This is the visual identity of the campaign.

School Annual 2020 Articles & Photos

Calling all students – if you have any photos, essays, poems or articles that you would like included in the 2020 School Annual, please submit them to Ms Smyth at as@cbcmonkstown.ie

Arts Week



#MonkswithARTitude

Well done to all our fabulous students who participated in our inaugural CBC Online Arts Week. It was a great success and delightful distraction for everybody in the CBC Community. Poetry, poem recitations, innovators, drawings, artists, singers, ceol, Gaeilge, song and instrumental composers, musicians, animated characters, cooking tips, design competitions – thanks to Mr Finnegan, Mr Fitzmaurice & Mr Rooney for putting

it all together. CBC Arts Week takes place every year and promotes, highlights and celebrates the role of the Arts in CBC. It provides a great opportunity for the students to participate, learn, watch and listen to the various formats of the Arts as demonstrated during this special week.

Poetry

There will be time

By Ethan Manby

There will be time for everything to go back to normal
There will be time for briefings not to be so formal
There will be time for holidays, school days and plays
There will be time for many more rainy days
There will be time for the future to shine upon us
There will be time for us to outshine ourselves

Fabulous poem by 2nd Year Student Ethan Manby, composed during the school closure.

Class Packs for Next Year

Class packs, uniform details and the all-important 2020-21 School Calendar will issue in June to all families. This year the packs are being sent in a digital format so it is important that the office has all the correct e-mail addresses. If you have changed your contact details recently, please get in touch with the office. Thank you.

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CBC - Show Your Skills Challenge Competition

Many thanks to all our entrants who took part in our first ever 'CBC - Show Your Skill Competition'. Our Twitter Account was very busy highlighting the many and varied skills of our staff and students. Thanks to Ms Dempsey & Mr O' Herlihy for organising everything.

CBC Show Your Skill Competition



Overall Winner

Leon Reilly in TY

With his own original composition for Piano and Flute called Strident

Year Group Winners

Bob Walshe playing Bass

Keelan Reilly playing an excerpt from Chaminade on Flute

Max Tormey with his extremely relevant watercolour sketch

Tom Grumley with his painting

Winning Staff Entry

Mr. Fahy with his Hurling skills

As it was so hard for the judges to pick outright winners for each category, with each entry excellent in its own right. Each entry is being awarded a small voucher.

You will all receive your prizes in the coming weeks in the post.

Congratulations and well done to everyone who entered!

Access to the School

During Phase 1 of the Roadmap for Re-opening Society and Business, CBC will be open from Monday May 18th **strictly by prior appointment only**, for staff to access materials for the organisation of remote learning. The introduction of the phased measures at Phase 1 allows for arrangements to be put in place for the control of population density onsite in CBC in order to facilitate social distancing and reduce the risk of transmission of the disease. If your son requires access to the school during the next few weeks (e.g. access to the lockers), please ring the school in advance on 01-2805854 and schedule a time with the school secretary. Please note the guidelines below prior to your scheduled access.

Covid-19 Risk Management: Access to CBC Guidelines from 18th May 2020

Activity	Action
Phase 1 Government Roadmap: Access to the school	At present teachers, SNAs and staff members have been identified as those personnel who will have access at Phase 1.
Assess: High Risk	Any persons who are in the higher risk demographic should not be entering the premises (example employees who are cocooning; self-isolating).
Entry/Exit to school building	To ensure safe access and egress, there should be one point of entry/exit to the school during this time. In CBC we are using the main door at reception.
Log-IN and Log- OUT	A log will be kept of those entering/leaving the premises, date, time, etc. to comply with current obligations under employer's and occupier's liability and for contact tracing purposes.
Social distancing	Personnel who are present in the school are required to practice appropriate social distancing and keep a distance of 2 meters from each other. This applies to meet and greet situations; meetings; coffee break, staff room etc.
Hygiene	No handshakes. Hand sanitizer will be made available at the point of entry/exit or staff may wish to wash their hands after entering the building. Staff are asked to minimise common touch areas e.g. handles, key pads, kettles, copiers, lifts etc., No sharing of pens etc.
Covid-19 Etiquette	All personnel should perform regular and thorough hand hygiene practices, as well as good respiratory hygiene.
Phase 5: Government Roadmap.	Schools will be opening on a phased basis for the 2020/21 academic year.
Re-opening 2020	Return to Work Safely Protocol in place.

Further information regarding Covid-19 is available at
<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html>

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