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1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope our entire Edmund Rice College community had a very happy, safe, and restful Christmas break.

As I am sure you are aware, the Education Minister has announced revised plans for schools reopening in January due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. All pupils were due to return to school in Edmund Rice College on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. In line with the new guidance, the following changes will now be in place:

### **Remote Learning from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

All pupils will now be taught remotely during the first week in January. Staff will use Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to plan and prepare for this change. Online learning will commence for all pupils on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January via Google Classroom. Work will be set for each subject over the course of this week. If you are experiencing any difficulties with Google Classroom, please visit our Google for Parents website. <https://sites.google.com/c2ken.net/sharing-learning/google-4-parents> If you require assistance and cannot access Google Classroom or need a password change, please email [dmcclelland787@c2kni.net](mailto:dmcclelland787@c2kni.net)

If you do not have internet or computer access, please contact the school office on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers**

Edmund Rice College will accommodate vulnerable children and the children of key workers from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for supervised learning. This will not be 'face-to-face teaching', rather being supervised in school, doing the same activities as the children at home. If you are a key worker, with no safe alternative and you wish to avail of supervised learning for your child, please complete the form below by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 12pm.

<https://forms.gle/UVqiRN3dUAeEmVg49>

Edmund Rice College will also accommodate our most vulnerable children. If this applies to your child and you wish to avail of supervised learning, please contact the school office between 10am and 12pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and the Head of Pastoral Care/SEN will be available to assist you.

## Week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, pupils in Years 8-11 will continue to be taught remotely until the end of January using Google Classroom while pupils in Years 12-14 will attend school for face-to-face teaching. Edmund Rice College reopens for all pupils in Years 12-14 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 8:45am.

### Public Examinations

There are a number of important examinations which will still be facilitated in the first two weeks of January. To that end, pupils who are sitting these exams should attend school at the following times for revision classes:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Examination</b>	<b>Exam Date</b>	<b>Revision Class</b>
Year 11	Hospitality	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm
Year 12	English	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Group A</b> Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm <b>Group B</b> Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm
Year 13/14	GCSE Maths 1	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm
Year 13/14	GCSE Maths 2	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm
Year 13	GCSE English	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm
Year 13	Health and Social Care	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm
Year 14	Health and Social Care	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 1:00pm

Year 12 Group A is surname A to L

Year 12 Group B is surname M to Z

## **Face Coverings**

As part of the additional safety measures outlined by the Department of Education, post-primary pupils, unless medically exempt, will be required to wear face coverings in school. To this end, please ensure that your child brings a face covering when they return for revision classes or normal school. Further guidance on the wearing of face coverings is expected in the next few days.

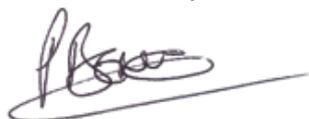
Any further developments or changes to what is outlined above will be communicated to you. Please check your email regularly and visit our school website and social media accounts to help keep you informed.

The health and safety of our entire Edmund Rice College community is my priority. With this in mind, if your child is sick or displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, they should not come to school. If a member of your household is symptomatic or awaiting the outcome of a COVID-19 test, pupils should not be sent to school. In these cases, please contact the school office to let us know. These measures will help continue to keep our school community safe.

I am looking forward to welcoming our Year 12-14 pupils back to school on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. I would like to thank you for your support throughout the challenges of the last number of months and the challenges that lie ahead. I know that together we can ensure our entire school community is safe, enabling us to continue to deliver excellent educational experiences for all our pupils, either in school or remotely. If you require any support in relation to pupils working from home, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care and God Bless,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P Berne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P Berne  
Acting Principal