



29th January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

I wish to draw several matters to your attention through this correspondence.

As notified by Minister Weir on Thursday 28-1-2021, schools will remain closed until at least the 8th March 2021. Please see information on the DENI website [Remote learning to continue until March - Weir | Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/remote-learning-to-continue-until-march-weir).

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation and for all the positive comments that we have received in terms of our approach to remote learning and teaching. We have been very encouraged by the feedback that you have given.

We recognise that learning at home has been intense for your son, for you and your family. As a result, we have allocated next **Wednesday 3-2-2021** as a **Consolidation Day**. This will give your son a chance to take a short digital holiday and to catch up in his own time on work that needs to be completed. It will also allow him to review his work and to ensure that he knows and understands the topics which have been covered to date. There will be no remote teaching taking place on this day.

We will be hosting a remote **parent/ guardian teacher meeting** the following week on **Friday 12-2-2021**. This will give each S2 pupil and his parents/guardians the chance to talk with his teachers on a one to one basis. The aim of the meeting is to establish how he is progressing in his current subjects and to help decide which subjects he will follow in St. Colman's in Sixth Form. We will be using the School Cloud platform for this meeting and will be providing further details in terms of how to register and log on next week. Since this is a Parent Teacher Meeting, there will be no remote teaching taking place on this day.

The midterm break commences on **Monday 15-2-2021 until Friday 19-2-2021**. I know that we will all look forward to the break and take the chance to enjoy the slightly brighter days.

In the meantime, I hope that you and your family remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Cormac McKinney'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mr Cormac McKinney
Principal