

Mercy Secondary School, Ballymahon, Co. Longford



Principal: Josephine Donohue



We are an iPad school which has really helped us in dealing with this new situation but it really is everyone's Wellbeing that most concerns me. In the last couple of days, my Deputy Principal and I have rang each member of staff, spending up to half an hour with each person and I have found this to be very reassuring. We have also started our virtual team meetings, which helps to bring staff members together and ease feelings of isolation. I have encouraged subject departments to contact each other and share resources and work on resources together. There is great collaboration happening. We have a young staff, many are at home with babies, toddlers and teenagers, but I have to say they are doing trojan work.

We are also mindful of our students and parents and the difficulties they may be experiencing at this time . Many parents have lost their jobs. We are especially mindful of the students in our two special ASD classes. We have linked in with the parents by phone and the timetable has been rearranged for them, so as to help ease stress at home.

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Our sincerest condolences to the staff and school community of Mercy SS, who are reeling after the death of their beloved colleague Inma De La Fuente on Friday evening. This morning the father of two of their students passed away suddenly. May they be granted eternal peace. As Josephine says ' It is just so difficult not to be physically present to comfort people in the usual way'.



Our School Community is deeply saddened following the death of our much loved colleague and teacher

Ms. Inma De La Fuente

We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Miquel, her daughter Victoria and sons Miquel and Galo.

May She Rest in Peace

