

Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School, Drimnagh, Dublin 12



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An update on what we have put in place in Our Lady of Merch, Drimnagh:



- Microsoft 365 being used for Teaching and Learning purposes by setting up Teams.
- Webex in its infancy to facilitate face to face meetings (currently with staff only but could be rolled out to facilitate check and connect with tutor groups)
- HSCL linking in with parents.
- School landline has been transferred to office mobile to facilitate calls.
- Daily emails, WhatsApp and calls with staff for any issues.
- Have set up tracking sheets to monitor student engagement. Weekly collation of data allows YH to link in directly with parents of students who are not engaging.
- Issues arising are IT access for families. Phones unsuitable for work. Looking at trying to facilitate loans of Chromebooks to enable engagement.

We will not be opening during the Easter holidays. 6th and 3rd years may receive revision work during this time. Wellbeing for staff needs to be paramount here too. The workload associated with online school is overwhelming in many respects. Feel free to forward this to any of our colleagues to use, borrow, steal. We're all in this together and the feedback from the locality in Drimnagh has been amazingly positive.

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