

Presentation Secondary School, Mitchelstown, Cork



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We are working our way through the current situation with credit to the Digital Strategy team who set up a great plan with Microsoft Office 365 over the past year. More so two weeks before school closure where the transition to remote learning went very smoothly. Each student received a new 1-hour timetable and we only expect them work within the school day. Many teachers are getting to grips with finding the best ways to engage with them. However there is huge stress among students

with difficulties around internet connections, family at home constantly, minding younger siblings, house work and accessing space and computers with parents working from home also.

We are continuing to issue our weekly newsletter to staff, compiled by our Deputy Principal Martha Kent, where staff can contribute advice, pictures or quotes. Also we put together a Parent and Student Wellbeing newsletter to help them stay connected to school. Both are available for view on our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pressecmtown>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/PresMitchelstwn>) pages.

Recorded messages are also shared with the school at the beginning of each week. The CEIST Morning Prayer is included in this message. Then at the end of each week a catch-up with staff and students is conducted. The CEIST Evening Prayer is also included here. This is similar to the school times where the same process would be followed over the school intercom on Monday and Friday.

We have a weekly "Positive Slip" where teachers and students can nominate each other. All nominations were usually read out over the intercom on a Friday. This has now also changed to a shared recording.

We are also trying as best as possible through the various school supports to keep in touch with students who are most vulnerable.

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