

12th March 2020

Re : Advice for Families during school closure due to COVID-19

Dear Families,

Please be aware of the following arising out of the school's closure due to Coronavirus –

- Mercy Secondary School Kilbeggan will be closed from Friday 13th March 2020 until Sunday 29th March 2020 (inclusive).
- Each student has a School Gmail Account ending in ...@mercykilbeggan.ie. Each student has been made aware that they have this account, and they have set up a Password on this account. If, for some reason they cannot access their School Gmail Account, please email dunnet@mercykilbeggan.ie to resolve this.
- Work/correspondence/instructions from teachers will flow through this School Gmail Account, so it is important that this account is checked on a daily basis.
- Some teachers have already assigned work and targets in school today to the students, and this should be completed first.
- It is very important that students continue to do work as assigned and revision during this school closure, and we respectfully ask for your help in this regard.
- There is no need to be concerned or worried about Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) or Assessment Tasks in 2nd and 3rd Year. These will be completed in due course as required when the school reopens.
- Please take a picture of any outstanding **5th Year Subject Option Forms** from 3rd Year and TY students, and email these to principal@mercykilbeggan.ie before Friday 20th March 2020. A blank copy of this form is available in the Parents Portal Section at www.mercykilbeggan.ie
- Please take a picture of any outstanding **TY Application Forms** from 3rd Years, and email these to principal@mercykilbeggan.ie before Friday 20th March 2020. There is no need to worry about the €100 deposit at this point. A blank copy of this form is available in the Parents Portal Section at www.mercykilbeggan.ie
- The Junior Cert and Leaving Cert Mock Exam Results will be published online on VSWare whenever they are all returned to the school. We will inform you by text when they are ready.
- We will text Leaving Cert and Junior Cert Families when we receive updates with regard to the State Exam Orals and Practicals that were due to be completed before Easter. As soon as we are **officially** informed, we will pass this on immediately.

We hope that the above information helps in some way to guide our students through this difficult and uncertain time. We wish all of our school families the best of health in the weeks to come, and please feel free to contact us at principal@mercykilbeggan.ie at any time if you have any concerns.

Warmest Regards,

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