



12th March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Coláiste Cois Siúire has received a direction from the Department of Education and Kilkenny & Carlow ETB that, as part of the containment efforts of COVID-19, schools will close from 6pm today March 12th and are not scheduled to reopen until March 30th.

In this unprecedented situation it is vitally important that both teachers, parents and students work together to preserve the educational continuity of our students, as has been directed by our patron. In this regard, CCS has put the following framework in place:

- Students will be using their Microsoft Teams platform to receive work from their scheduled teachers each morning from Wednesday March 18th
- Students will have the ability to ask questions of their teachers during their timetabled lesson times each day via Teams
- Students must submit the required work to teachers for correction and feedback via Teams (teachers will provide instruction as to how this can be done e.g. via photo, written, typed)
- The students' normal school timetable will apply from Wednesday March 18th to Tuesday March 29th for the purposes of this online teaching and learning.

The role of parents in insuring that students engage in this continuity plan is essential.

All students have been provided with the necessary login information. If a student is unable to access their Teams it is important that parents inform the school via info@colaistecoissiuire.ie so that an alternative plan can be put in place for your son/daughter.

Updates to parents will be provided via the school website and SMS over the next two weeks only. Should any parents wish to query the content of this letter please use the above email address.

Sincerely,

Conor Power