

11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents of Leaving Certificate Cohort 2020,

Following a meeting of Kilkenny & Carlow ETB this morning, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the following directive was clearly communicated on behalf of the Minister for Education: **the Leaving Cert cohort of 2020 has now completed their course of study.** There is no further requirement from students to engage in online learning. There is no further requirement for teachers to engage in online teaching. There will be no further demerits recorded on VSWare as a record of engagement.



Teachers have been informed of this arrangement and may be in contact with individual class groups via Teams to add clarity around individual subject contexts. While students are perhaps not engaging in daily classes from this point forward, it should be pointed out that students may wish to sit the written Leaving Certificate papers later this year. In this case it may be prudent to continue with a course of revision and study at home, however, as stated above, this is not a requirement that will be monitored by the school.

There is no further information about the predictive grading process at this time except the official documents published on the school website and on the Department of Education website. I would ask that parents and students do not contact teachers individually about this process under any circumstances. Teachers have been directed to not reply to any such requests. The agreed policy on contacting the school re an official matter is to make an appointment via the school office – by email in this instance: [info@colaistecoissiuire.ie](mailto:info@colaistecoissiuire.ie)

Finally, although your son/daughter's classes are complete, they remain a student of Coláiste Cois Siúire for the time being. It is envisaged that a graduation ceremony for the class of 2020 will take place later in the year when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, the school will continue to operate as a source of support and encouragement for your son/daughter. The Guidance Education Team remains open for questions or clarity.

I wish to thank you the parents for your support to date in managing this unprecedented challenge. Our school community is very proud of how our students have shown resilience, leadership and fortitude over the last number of weeks. I hope that your family are safe and well.

Sincerely,

Conor Power

Principal