

Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff & Students,



We wish all our students, staff and their families the best as we begin our first week of unscheduled school closure.

While the school building is closed, our school community still continues to work together and learning continues.

Teachers are now busy posting work on Office 365. It is likely that they will prioritise exam classes initially but all pupils should check their Office 365 (school e-mail) account each day and complete the work given. If you have any issues with your school email please contact Mr Duffy (ciaranduffy@stkevinscc.ie).



Please remind students to communicate appropriately when using online platforms and to follow our Acceptable Use Policy at all times. We encourage students to structure their day well when working at home, to follow their school timetable and adjust times as needed to suit individual family circumstances.

We ask all parents and students to remain calm at this time and would like to reassure especially our exam students that the State Examinations Commission and Department of Education will work with schools and may amend deadlines as needed.

We are now being asked to keep to ourselves as much as possible. Thankfully we have modern technology to help us stay in contact during this time. The importance of staying away from others cannot be over-emphasised if we are to help our health workers deal with the challenges that will face them over the next few weeks.

This does not mean that pupils cannot take breaks outside and go for walks, especially if the weather is nice. But please keep your distance.

For Exam students in Third and Sixth Year check out the **app "Pocket Papers"**. This simplifies access to past exam papers - you can even listen to the aural sound track as you read the aural papers - and all on your smartphone.

We have a list of useful websites and resources on our school website, as well as a fitness and wellbeing video with tips from Mr Smith and how to stay fit while being at home. Please check our website regularly for updates (www.stkevinscc.ie).

Please encourage your son/daughter to check in on their work and do as much as they can each day. If they appear to have non, please contact us and we will provide them with more. There are hundreds of activities in the links and resources mentioned on our website.

The decision to close schools has been taken by the government in an effort to reduce the spread of infection. Please follow the advice provided in terms of good hygiene practices and look after yourself and others at this time.

Mr Barry & Mr Duffy

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