



St Tiernan's Community School

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Remote Teaching and Learning Plan

Rationale:

In response to the changed circumstances brought about by Covid-19, we have devised this Remote Teaching and Learning plan, to outline how we intend to support teaching and learning in the event of a school closure.

In the event of a school closure, students will continue to be provided with an education remotely, which is of a high quality and aligns as closely as possible with in-school provision.

Teaching and learning should take place in an environment that is respectful and fair and meets its statutory duties. Recognising the crucial importance of online safety, an aim of this document is to help to protect both school staff and students, while teaching and learning online. This plan should be read in tandem with both our school's Code of Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy.

This Plan has been formulated in accordance with the provisions of the Department of Education and relevant sections of:

- a) The Education Act (1998)
- b) Education (Welfare) Act (2000)
- c) Equal Status Act (2000)
- d) Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act (2004)
- e) Disability Act (2005)
- f) Children First Act (2017)
- g) GDPR
- h) Data Protection Act (2018)
- i) NEWB Guidelines for Developing a Code of Behaviour (2008).
- j) DES Guidance on Continuity of Schooling: *Supporting Post Primary Pupils at very High Risk to Covid 19* (August 2020).
- k) DES Guidance on Remote Learning in a Covid 19 Context: Sept-December 2020.

Please note, this plan is a working document.

What is Remote Teaching and Learning?

Remote teaching and learning involve the reciprocal teaching and learning of content through the use of technology. Video conferencing, and online assessments are two popular modes of remote teaching and learning. It allows students and teachers to remain connected and engaged in teaching and learning, though not physically present in school.

Communication Platforms:

St. Tiernan's Community School uses the G Suite platform for communication, collaboration, organisation, teaching and learning. This platform gives each student access to Gmail, Google Classroom, Google Meet and Google Drive, all of which have been administered by the school.

Work will be set, and classes will be taught remotely through these platforms. Students will attend lessons, upload completed assignments and receive feedback from teachers through the G Suite platform. As appropriate, other applications, (such as Kahoot or Padlet) will be used.

Guidelines for Good Online Communication:

The G Suite platform will be used by teachers to teach, to upload work and assignments and to provide feedback.

Students should check their school Gmail and log-in to Google Classroom every school-day.

Communication may only take place during normal school hours.

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time and to the best of their ability.

If students are struggling to access online lessons/lesson content, or to submit work on time, they should contact their teacher through Gmail or Google Classroom.

Our school's Code of Behaviour is applicable to remote teaching and learning, including our Anti-Bullying Policy. Students are expected to behave in an appropriate, safe, and respectful manner online.

Both students and staff are protected by Data Protection regulations. Under no circumstances should pictures or recordings be taken of classes taking place through video conferencing. Any recordings and/or sharing of Google Meet (audio/video/photographic) will be considered a major misdemeanour in line with our Code of Behaviour and a breach of GDPR, and the school may engage with third parties e.g., Data Protection Commissioner and Gardaí where appropriate.

St. Tiernan's Community School cannot accept responsibility for the security of online platforms, in the event that they are compromised.