



14th January 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students,

It is unfortunate that we once again find ourselves in a lockdown situation. However, unlike the previous lockdown last March, I hope that we are better prepared to support student engagement and teaching and learning.

We as a staff are fully committed to your daughter's teaching and learning. We will be prioritising our Leaving certificate students but will endeavour to support all students from all year groups to be best of our ability. I have met with our staff and all are deeply aware of the impact that not being in school may have on your daughter and are all individually committed to mitigating any negative impact on your daughter's welfare.

Please be aware that for exam students we are committed to holding the mock exams and will endeavour to schedule these exams at the earliest opportunity.

- Teachers will interact with students according to timetable as much as possible. Teachers will be in touch with their classes (if they have not done so already) to communicate the breakdown of how they will adhere to the timetable for their subject.
- Teachers will be using a mixture of live lessons, pre-recorded lessons and scheduled assignments

I would ask students to communicate with teachers during normal school hours only.

It is important that students are aware that our *Internet Usage Policy*, that all students have signed up to, still applies. School content should not be shared and neither should it be posted on any other digital platform.

For all enquiries, our School Office is contactable between 10.00am and 1.00pm every school day by phone (067 31450) or email admin@stmarysnenagh.ie. If there are any changes to these contact hours, we will communicate this to you.

We fully appreciate that this is a most anxious and stressful time for the entire school community and we would ask for your patience and understanding as students and teachers engage in remote learning once again.

Yours sincerely

Michael Dineen
Principal