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### **Re. Online Teaching/Learning**

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you are well and please accept our best wishes for a safe and healthy year ahead, even if the early days of 2021 are still proving difficult. We look forward to better days for everyone in the weeks and months ahead.

As you know, the Department of Education has decided that schools will remain closed for the rest of this month and are due to reopen on Monday 1st February. In the meantime, all teaching and learning will be done online. We have had a staff meeting earlier today and our teachers are ready to begin engagement with students on Monday morning next, 11th January. Various teachers will be using different teaching methods and we would hope that all students will be as actively engaged as possible over the next three weeks. It is vitally important that all students work with their teachers so that the next period of time is as productive and worthwhile as possible. We would ask you, the parents and guardians, to encourage your son(s) to participate in all online school activity to the best of his ability. Teachers will be contacting their individual class groups outlining what work they intend to do using the online platforms (mainly Microsoft Teams, but there may be others, depending on individual subjects/disciplines) and they will explain what work needs to be done, how it should be submitted, what feedback will emanate from the work etc. Please be aware that not all school work needs an electronic device! Students can always read/write, as well as do written exercises from text books. Some classes may require a device if the teacher is live teaching for instance, and teachers will give students advance notice if this is the case.

It is vitally important that all students engage with the online learning from the beginning. We do not wish to see students falling behind in their class work and teachers will keep a close eye on anybody that is not engaging to the best of his ability. We appreciate that these are difficult circumstances for everyone but we must continue to remain positive and to do our best. Hopefully, we will be back in school and teaching and learning again in the traditional way, as soon as possible. If there are any issues that you feel we can address then please feel free to get in contact with us at [office@stcolmans.ie](mailto:office@stcolmans.ie)

In the meantime, take care and stay safe.

God Bless,

Roy Hession

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