



Remote Teaching & Learning Strategy Document 2021

Introduction

Please note that the information contained in the following document is of a fluid nature and will be subject to review on an ongoing basis throughout our period of remote teaching and learning. This will be a flexible working document intended to support students, parents, teachers, and school management alike.

Connectivity Plan

We plan to connect with students via the Google Classroom facility. We will ask students to follow their current timetables as normal, and teachers will identify on a weekly basis how best to structure the teacher-student contact. This will be a blend of live classes and specifically assigned work classes. This will ensure a supportive structure for students and will also provide for the optimum connectivity experience where teachers and students can best engage with each other in a remote setting.

Please note that many teachers will be facing challenges similar to your own, such as with childcare, home-schooling, caring for family members etc. They will continue to support their students, but please appreciate that there may be unavoidable circumstances whereby their availability may be curtailed on occasion throughout the closure period. Teachers will endeavour to give as much notice as possible in such eventualities.

Students are expected to attend all classes throughout the day, both live and those of an assigned-work nature. Student attendance will be recorded and monitored as normal. Frequent student absences will be reported home in the usual manner. If for whatever reason your son will be absent from school, please record it either via the absence form on the school app or via email at info@presbray.com.

Online discipline

Students are expected to fully comply with our Code of Behaviour during the period of remote teaching and learning. Any non-invited intrusion of, or disruption to, an online class will be viewed as a serious breach of discipline as outlined in our Code of Behaviour. Parents will be contacted immediately in such cases. Depending on the severity of the indiscretion, students may not be invited back to school until such time as a meeting is convened between parents and school management.

IT/Connectivity Issues

Should your son have any technical issues with accessing any of the Google Classroom facilities, please email Mr. Conroy at kconroy@presbray.com, who will more than willing to offer his support. Please ensure that your son has joined his Year-Group Google Classroom page as well his individual subject teachers' Classroom pages. A list of codes for the Year-Group pages can be found below:

- 1st Year: jnbwxrh

- 2nd Year: jc4s36b
- 3rd Year: goahpa2
- TY. qbkgmu2
- 5th Year: m6vath2
- 6th Year: ykkxvtq

Chromebooks

We are acutely aware of the pressure households may be under in terms of working from home, home-schooling, and prioritising other siblings within the family, and the difficulties that may arise in terms of accessing technology devices regularly. To that end, we have a limited supply of School Chromebooks available to students in most urgent need. Please note that we will not be able to provide a Chromebook for the entire student population, but if there is a pressing need to acquire one, please get in touch with Mr. Conroy at kconroy@presbray.com. You will be assigned a collection date and time and may be asked to sign a form taking responsibility for the device while it is in your care. Further details will issue with respect to this.

Student Supports

This unprecedented event that we are all dealing with will cause anxiety for some students. It is important for students to look after their wellbeing during this time. Our School Counsellor will be available, and if your son needs to speak with him, we would ask you (Parent/Guardian) to email him at ddonnelly@presbray.com.

Weekly meetings will take place between Senior Management, SENCO and the School Counsellor, to help identify and support students who may be struggling with remote teaching and learning.

Additionally, our SEN team will assign a member teacher to each Year-Group to similarly identify and support students who are experiencing difficulties within that particular Year-Group and inform/liaise with classroom teachers and the relevant Year-Head of such difficulties.

Learning Support classes will continue as per normal timetable where possible, so as to maintain a firm sense of structure and continuity for these students in a remote setting. We will review progress in this regard and may seek to provide additional social supports such as lunchtime and games clubs online.

Virtual Assemblies & Umbrella Student Council Meetings

We intend to hold a virtual assembly with our 6th Year Group next week at a date to be confirmed. We will discuss aspects of relevant Leaving Certificate information, as well as welcome any feedback and concerns that students may have. In time, we hope to hold a similar meeting with our 3rd Year Group to discuss Junior Cycle issues.

We also intend to connect with our Umbrella Student Council at some point for the same purpose of gaining feedback and listening to students' concerns.