



Meanscoil na Toirbhirte

**Lios Tuathail
Co. Chiarraí**

Presentation Secondary School

**Listowel
Co. Kerry**

5th May 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope that you and your family are well at this challenging time.

I am writing to you to inform you about our Summer 2020 assessment plans for students and in particular our 3rd Year students

Junior Cycle students

Following on the Minister for Education's statement regarding the Junior Cycle we have been discussing our approach to Junior Cycle 2020. The Board of Management met this morning to discuss the matter.

The Minister has issued guidelines for schools which are available on the Department website education.ie

The Minister has stated that the Department will issue a Certificate of Completion to all 3rd Year students

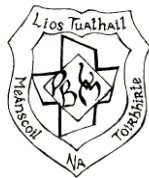
'This will issue from the Department early in the next school year. It will provide each student with a certificate confirming completion of the Junior Cycle programme of study, including the list of subjects, short courses and/or priority learning units studied and the level at which the subject was studied.'

Each school will present their 3rd Year students with a school report *'setting out the learning achievements of students in Junior Cycle'*

'Students should receive a written report from their school on the broad range of learning that they have achieved in each subject, short course and/or priority learning unit at the end of Junior Cycle. This assessment of their learning will be provided by their teachers. The report will also provide an opportunity to report on other aspects of achievement including the wellbeing programme completed by students. Schools will have autonomy in how this assessment is to be arrived at and the format in which the report is provided. The report should be provided to students and their parents/guardians as soon as feasible following the completion of the school year 2019/20.'

The **'Presentation Secondary School Listowel Junior Cycle Award 2020'** will be presented to students in the Autumn. This Award/Report will include the Summer Assessment results among other areas yet to be discussed,

The Assessments that will and are taking place in 3rd Year this term will reflect your daughter's engagement and learning since the school closed on Thursday March 12th. These assessments will have different forms appropriate to the subject and the topic/skills being assessed.



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We are communicating with your daughter in a number of ways, subject teachers and the Year Head are explaining very clearly what the assessment in each individual subject will be. In some cases the assessment will involve a number of weekly assessments assigned since March 12th. In other subjects students have been asked to complete a project.

I am hosting weekly assemblies with 3rd Years and will address all of their questions and concerns at those assemblies.

The Summer Assessment 2020 for 3rd Years will be available on e-portal in early June

I wish to clarify again that the '**Presentation Secondary School Listowel Junior Cycle Award 2020**' will include the Summer 2020 assessments plus a report on your daughter's engagement over the past three years.

The format of the report that will reflect your daughter's engagement over the past three years is being discussed by staff at present. We will communicate the details of that report to you at a later stage.

Please contact me or the Year Head if you have any difficulty accessing the internet or if you have Wi-Fi problems, we are very mindful of the challenges that parents and students are experiencing accessing Microsoft Office/Teams.

We are also mindful of the difficulties that SEN students are experiencing. Teachers are in contact with individual SEN students at this time.

1st /2nd/5th Year students Summer Assessment 2020

The Summer Assessment for 1st Year, 2nd Year and 5th Year students will be as follows:

- ✚ 50% of the Summer mark will be given for work/assignments/projects completed since Thursday March 12th
- ✚ 50% will reflect the mark received in the February exam in that subject. If a student was absent for the February exam in a particular subject then the mark received in the October assessment will be the mark awarded.

Each subject teacher and Year Heads are taking the time to clearly explain what our expectations are regarding the Summer 2020 Assessments.

The Summer Assessment 2020 Report will be available on e-portal in early June as usual.

I am hosting assemblies with year groups every week at set times. It gives me a wonderful opportunity to speak with the girls and to address any concerns/questions that they may have.

The Student Council has been meeting with me also every week.



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I hope that this letter sets out clearly for you what we are expecting from your daughter for the Month of May. Your daughter's teachers and Year Head are available to give more details on all assessments.

Please contact us if you are looking for any clarification

I wish to good health during this at this time.

Kind wishes

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