



27th August 2019

Dear parent/guardian,

I am writing to keep you informed of the ongoing impact of the remediation works in the school. We met with the DES earlier today regarding the handover of the building and it was confirmed that we will not have access to the *Halla* (canteen) for the first six weeks. This is currently our only social/dining space. It is very regrettable that we will not have this space for the start of the school year, however, as always, the safety of our school community takes precedence and we must adhere to the instructions of the Department of Education & Skills.

Consequently, we are *temporarily* shortening our lunch break from 30 minutes to 15 minutes for the first six weeks (we expect to be updated regularly on progress). The morning break at 11:00 remains the same. We have ordered student benches for the corridors and we have relocated lockers into classrooms so that we have maximum usable space in the corridors. Obviously, we will also use the outside spaces that we have (weather permitting) at break times. This means that school will finish at 2:30pm on Monday/Thursday/Friday and at 3:30pm on Tuesday/Wednesday for the first six weeks. Students who travel by bus will be supervised for the remaining 15 minutes each day until their buses arrive to collect them (until the school day returns to normal finish times). We will continually review the situation with staff.

We appreciate the inconvenience that this may cause for parents/guardians and we recognise the additional supervision burden that this puts on the school. However, there should be no impact on teaching and learning. We apologise for such inconvenience but I am sure that you are aware from media reports and school updates that the DES is managing the situation for the schools involved.

We thank you in advance for your support as always and we will keep you updated on progress (via website/twitter/letter).

Le gach dea ghuí,

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