



29<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear parent/guardian,

As you are aware, Coláiste De Lacy is one of 22 schools built by *Western Building Systems* that have precautionary measures in place since last October 2018. For our school, the precautionary measures include an exclusion zone around the outside of building with scaffolding and fencing. A number of investigative works have taken place since last October and the Department of Education & Skills (DES) are currently working on a remediation plan that will be implemented during the summer months. At present, the remediation works are planned to proceed this summer.

Consequently, Coláiste De Lacy (and the other two primary schools on campus), has to be handed back to the DES and the nominated contractors immediately after the state exams conclude. There will be NO disruption to state exams for our Junior Cycle students! At present, we are expected to have vacated the building by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019. On that date, we will *hand the keys* back to the DES and allow the contractors onto site. The whole campus will become an official building site, with access restricted only to the DES and their contractors. Neither the school staff nor public will have access to the campus. We have been informed that security will be placed at the gates and that only approved personnel will have access. As you can imagine, this places an added pressure on the school to relocate files, chemicals, projects, resources...etc. to secure locations off site.

**This means that the office will be completely closed from 20<sup>th</sup> June for summer holidays.** The school leadership team, Learning Support Co-ordinator, Solas Centre Co-ordinator, secretary and caretaker will work off site for the summer. Therefore, if any parent/guardian wishes to request a meeting in advance of the commencement of the Academic Year 2019-2020, then they should contact the office without delay to see if we can arrange an appointment before 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019. We will arrange routine appointments with parents/guardians regarding *Medications* when we return in August.

With regards to the return schedule, the DES have yet to confirm the exact date but we are hoping to reopen for the Academic Year 2019-2020 **during the week of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019.** We have a meeting with the DES on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and so we hope to have further clarification then. We will update the school website with information when we know exact dates. Please find below a ***Provisional Calendar*** for next year. This is subject to change. Please keep an eye on the school website in August for updates.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding. We will get the building sorted and it will be business as usual in the Autumn!

Kind regards,

Iníon Corrigan (Principal)

# Coláiste De Lacy School Calendar 2019-20 (Provisional)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 (TBC)	School Opens ( <i>parents will be notified of the exact dates/times for each year group in August</i> )
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Week 1 of TY Work Experience
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Autumn Mid-term Break
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	School re-opens
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	School closes (1/2 day) for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	School re-opens
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	Week 2 of TY Work Experience
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Mock Exams (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Years)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Staff Training Day (JCT Cluster)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Spring Midterm Break
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	School Closed
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Week 3 of TY Work Experience
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Easter Holidays (Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April is a normal school day)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	School re-opens
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Bank Holiday (School closed)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	School finishes (1/2 day) for summer holidays
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020	State Exams begin

## Some dates/events have yet to be added to the school calendar e.g.:

- *Parent-Teacher Meetings, Staff Training Days, Information Evenings regarding Subject Choice...etc.*

This list is not exhaustive and may be amended in accordance with DES guidelines.

- Please note that the school will regularly update the school calendar on the website.

**Please check the website [www.colaistedelacy.ie](http://www.colaistedelacy.ie) regularly for updates to school calendar.**

