



Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you will be aware our Leaving Cert class of 2021 will graduate from Carrigaline Community School on Monday next, 17th May.

Our Leaving Cert students have been through a lot over the last two school years and we are very happy that we can hold a formal, in-person graduation event to mark their time in the school. Unfortunately, in line with Public Health and Department of Education guidance the Graduation Ceremony will not be open to parents or family members of the Leaving Cert students. Students will be in classrooms during the ceremony with the various aspects of the graduation being streamed into the rooms. Certificates of completion, Principal's Awards and the Class of 2021 Yearbook will also be given out. The school will also be providing some refreshments for our students. The graduation event will finish by 12.35 and all Leaving Cert students may leave for the day at this point.

As we get closer to the start date of the written exams on 9th June it is becoming more and more important for students to limit their contacts. The Department of Education and the State Examinations Commission have made it clear that any exam candidate with symptoms or who is required to self-isolate as a result of being a close contact of a positive case, will not be allowed to sit the written exams. Such candidates will then have no alternative but to rely on the Accredited Grades process for their Leaving Certificate results, as there will be no alternative opportunity to complete the written papers.

We are further asking Leaving Cert students, and their families, to avoid social gatherings, such as graduation or birthday parties, and to consider the possible effects such gatherings could have on the opportunities of the students, their friends and classmates who intend to sit the exams in June. It is of utmost importance that examination candidates, parents and friends sustain public health measures until the Leaving Cert exams are completed. Nobody wants to see anyone's chance to sit the exams taken away because they have become a close contact, or contracted Covid-19, so please follow the guidance and continue to stay safe.

Classes will continue from Tuesday 18th, following the regular timetable, for all students who have signed up to sit the written papers in June. Classes continue up until May 28th.

Kind regards,

Paul Burke  
Principal