



ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin, Dublin 11



28th October 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you and your loved ones are well and that you are having a restful midterm break. Firstly, I would like to thank your daughter and your family for working with us through this unprecedented first half term. The return to school was not easy for any member of the school community but, with your daughter's continued co-operation, we have managed this in a safe manner.

In the coming few months, we have the added challenge of the cold weather. The HSE and the Department of Education have asked us to ensure that classrooms and the school are kept well ventilated. We will do our best to balance well ventilated air and heating and warmth in the school. With this in mind, we recommend that your daughter wears added layers with her uniform- vests, sports skins etc.

To aid this, we are giving parents and students the option of choosing which aspect of the uniform you would like to wear during the Autumn / Winter months: You can choose to wear the school skirt, trousers (and uniform) OR the school tracksuit every day from November until the February midterm. Senior students (who do not have a school tracksuit) can choose to wear what they have been wearing on PE days- appropriate sports clothing in navy or black (only). The exception to this is PE / Active wellness days, when the tracksuit must be worn. During February midterm, we will evaluate the weather forecast and see if this needs to be extended until Easter. From Easter to Summer, the school will return to our usual uniform code. It is our hope that this will give you more choice in adapting to the weather in the coming months, especially during these unprecedented times.

We will be writing to you shortly after midterm about how we intend to adapt the Christmas exams to the current restrictions and with a view to balancing work and study for your daughter's wellbeing.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school after midterm if you have any queries.

Every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Clarke'.

Paul Clarke

Principal