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Re: Week 2 of School Closure - Update for Parents

Dear Parent,

As we begin our second week of online learning we hope the new experience is working well for your son/daughter. Feedback from our teaching staff is that large numbers of students are working hard and returning their work on time as requested by their teachers.

We acknowledge that it is a challenge for our students to move from the familiar model of teacher directed learning to working independently and being responsible for devising and following their own timetables. That would be a big challenge for college students not least for our students. That's why we are asking you to support your child in working from home. It would be really helpful if you would check the emails coming through and check the work being completed by your child.

Some teachers are assigning work for a full week, others are giving work day by day. We want to reassure your child that they should complete as much as possible and not to worry if it isn't all completed. Just let the teacher know if this is the case. Teachers are assigning learning work in addition to written work and one of the most effective ways of checking learning here is to use bullet points to write out what has been learned.

For exam years, we are working away towards the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate in June 2020. All exam students should have a list of revision topics to be worked through in every subject area. We asked students to take home their exam papers on the day we closed so that they could work their way through past papers. This is an essential part of the learning process at this time of year.

We appreciate that exam students in particular may feel anxious during this time. They are removed from their usual learning environment of having daily classes and having constant feedback and encouragement from their teachers. Most will put



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pressure on themselves to work really hard and their hard work will pay off. On the other hand, some students have to be reminded to stay on task even when they are in school. We are now asking you to support your child even more than you usually do so that they get the best from this time away from school.

We will send out all emails regarding school work for your child during normal school hours and ask that your child would do the same when returning work. Everyone needs a break from working online!

We are putting a system in place this week where the school will take calls, for two hours twice a week, from our parent body. Should you need to contact the school you may do so by contacting Ms. Tobin-HSCL at (087) 6079480 on Mondays and Fridays from 10am-12 noon.

Should your child have any difficulty in accessing the work assigned by teachers please email us at avondalecc@kwetb.ie

Please continue to keep safe and we will notify you of any updates that come our way.

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