



# Newtownhamilton High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We have now completed 5 days of Remote Learning and so our teaching staff met virtually today to discuss progress to date and also to identify areas for improvement. Therefore, please see below some key information for your attention.

### Google Classroom Codes

Unfortunately, a small minority of pupils have still not logged in to all their subject Google Classrooms. All pupils were previously issued with log in codes during lessons. If a pupil has lost their code, they should email their teacher who will reply with the relevant code.

### No Personal Emails

Pupils should only register for Google Classroom through their own C2K account (no gmail, hotmail etc). Any emailed communication with staff should also be through the C2k email system.

### Pupil Engagement

It is pleasing to note from our staff meeting that the overwhelming majority of pupils are engaging with their teachers. However, a small minority have not been in communication and therefore Mr Cousins and I will be in contact with parents/guardians in the very near future (prioritising Years 11 & 12).

### Technical Support

You are reminded that ICT Co-ordinator Mr Black ([jblack833@c2kni.net](mailto:jblack833@c2kni.net)) and Technician Mr Riddle ([driddle732@c2kni.net](mailto:driddle732@c2kni.net)) are available to provide technical support if required.

### Year 12 GCSE Update

Latest guidance from exam body CCEA confirms that they are currently refining their alternative awarding arrangements, which will be based on teacher professional judgements. This correspondence also states that schools may choose to continue with Controlled Assessment when they reopen to help provide evidence to support the teacher professional judgement process.

We will also be having Year 12 Mock Exams when we return (exam dates to be confirmed) in order to provide further evidence for the awarding of grades. **I therefore strongly encourage pupils to use their time wisely during this period of Remote Learning to prepare for these mock exams.**

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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