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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
20th May 2020

As you are aware, from Monday 18th May last, staff only are allowed to access schools. This is to allow staff to collect the various resources they may need to continue distance learning. The staff are also starting to prepare for the distribution of your child's school books. See note below.

Collecting School Books

You may have already received a letter from your class teacher regarding collecting your child's school books. Please see the general timetable below. Your class teacher will have given you a specific timeframe. As mentioned already, due to the high numbers in the school, we are not in a position to release siblings books at the one time – apologies for this inconvenience.

Class Level	Day	Date	
Junior Infants	Friday	22/05/2020	Afternoon
Senior Infants	Thursday	21/05/2020	Afternoon
1 st Class	Already Sent Home		
2 nd Class	Monday	25/06/2020	Afternoon
3 rd Class	Wednesday	03/06/2020	Afternoon
4 th Class	Tuesday	26/05/2020	Afternoon
5 th Class	Tuesday	26/05/2020	Morning
6 th Class	Will take place in June – date to be confirmed		

RTE School Hub Extra

Another TV star from St. Mochta's National School! Can you spot Emily from 2nd Class in this clip [RTE Home School Extra](#). Well done Emily – hope you enjoyed munching on those crisps!

Minister Simon Harris answers questions

You might be interested in viewing this clip. Minister Simon Harris is answering questions regarding COVID-19 from children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meAi3mDk7Zc&feature=youtu.be>

Transition from Primary School to Secondary School

Dublin West Education Centre (DWEC) runs courses for teachers, however, this webinar is suitable for parents/guardians of children in 5th and 6th Classes. The webinar takes place on Thursday 28th May 2020 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. To register please click on this link <https://www.dwec-courses.com/online-courses/838-transition-to-second-level-an-adventure-a-challenge.html>, when asked for a teaching council number please use 000000. The course is entitled '20SPR60 Transition to Second Level: An Adventure and a Challenge'.

The transition from Primary to Secondary school is an exciting time in a young person's life. It also comes at a key developmental stage, a fact not lost on parents as they come to terms with the arrival of the teenage years. Key areas addressed are:

- Junior Cycle - what's new?
- Supporting teens to manage change
- Identifying common areas of concern and how to be prepared
- Trouble shooting and where to go for support
- Embracing change and being open to new opportunities

Resources during Covid 19

- Department of Education and Skills- general updates - [Link to the DES updates on COVID-19](#),
- Department of Education and Skills – where English may not be your first language [COVID 19 Translated Resources](#)
- [Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business](#)
- [Overview of Reopening Phases commencing May 18th](#)

GAA Drills

Thanks to Declan, from Westmanstown Gaels, who has sent in some more videos of exercises for children.

Enjoy! <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IIPSwPpcHeoHRZs8rz3S9Pdj9MsXVuL3/view?usp=drivesdk>