

11th May 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The announcement made on Friday 8th of May by the Minister for Education and Skills was quite significant not just for the sixth-year students of Scoil Dara but for all schools and students around the country.

While many have welcomed the decision, some may be upset and experiencing a new level of anxiety and stress.

We are going to hold an assembly today at 2pm on Microsoft Teams with our 6th year students to go through the documents associated with the announcement.

We will endeavour to provide as much clarity to students as we can at this time. In line with the guidelines/directives for the School-based phase of the process (**as outlined in the documents below**) we will work through the stages over the coming weeks. Though undoubtedly a time of apprehension be assured that students will be rewarded for all the work they have put investment in over the past few years in preparation for the Leaving certificate exams.

We know from the document what we must do to determine Calculated Grades and in the coming weeks we will work diligently to ensure a fair and transparent process is followed.

While I do not wish this to be the last contact between 6th year students and their teachers it is essential that there is ***no further engagement or correspondence between teachers, parents and students regarding grades and classwork to ensure the integrity of the process. To that effect all teaching classes for 6th year students will cease from today.***

However, the schools Guidance and Counselling services remain available to all. Please visit the school website to view guidelines on contacting the Guidance Department.

We are working towards an end of school celebration/reception for our 6th year students and my preference is to do it in person rather than virtually when it is safe to do so.

Further information will be provided at a later date in relation to students recovering items from their lockers when government guidelines permit access to the school for students and parents.

I ask that any questions should be directed to me [at info@scoildara.ie](mailto:info@scoildara.ie).

For further information please click on the following links:

- [Click](#) to access the full press release made available today (May 8th 2020)
- [Click](#) for FAQs - the most common queries and concerns addressed
- [Click](#) presents an outline of the guided system for grade calculation

Yours sincerely,

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