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## Update on Reporting and Assessment during Covid

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** We are prohibited from having the normal parent-teacher meetings during the pandemic. Instead, teachers will provide a report on your son/daughter's progress on VSware. The input from teachers is similar to that normally shared at these meetings. We are referring to these reports as Parent Teacher Reports (PTRs).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> year PTR is now available on VSware. Please contact/email the office if you cannot login.

We will prepare 6<sup>th</sup> year PTRs when we come back in January, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> years, then 5<sup>th</sup> years, TYs and finally 1<sup>st</sup> years. Parents of each year group will receive their respective PTR on VSware at roughly 2 weeks intervals between January and Easter. You will receive a text when they are made available.

**Christmas Examinations:** The exams have taken place. The usual Christmas reports will be issued this year. Your son/daughter will receive a grade in their subject. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year reports will be available before Christmas. Christmas reports for other year groups will be available shortly after we return in January.

**Pre Junior Cycle and Pre Leaving Certificate Examinations:** The Pre JC and LC will be held in the two weeks leading up to the February Mid Term Break, commencing February 1<sup>st</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> year students will sit their examinations in their base classrooms. 6<sup>th</sup> years will sit exams at different locations in school, and in the GAA hall. Depending on government guidelines, we may have to rent another room outside the school for the purpose of the exams. Masks must be worn for the exams. Students can get breathing breaks.

**Christmas Holidays:** Classes finish at 12 noon this Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. On behalf of the staff, I complement all our students on their commitment to our Covid Response Plan. They have done their part to keep the community of Cobh and Great Island safe.

Happy Christmas and stay safe.

Fergus O'Brien