



SALESIAN COLLEGE CELBRIDGE

10th March 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Due to unprecedented staff absences from Covid-19 the school is facing serious challenges ensuring there are teachers present in all classrooms for every period during the school day.

We are using all available resources. There is excellent good will and volunteerism amongst staff and we have done our very best this week.

However, as I am aware of other absences also next week the school may have to make the decision to ask a year group stay at home. This would free up teachers to cover classes. 3rd and 6th year classes will be prioritised.

1st Year students will be asked to stay at home on Friday 11th March.

This is a very difficult decision for the school and we have done our best this week, however there is now a serious health and safety issue which must be taken into account if there is no available teacher for classes. I have consulted with the Board of Management about this and I have also followed the DES guidelines before making this decision.

Other yeargroups may be affected next week. I will advise all parents and guardians as soon as possible.

I apologise for this inconvenience but the situation we found ourselves in requires a difficult decision.

There is a large student absence also due to Covid-19 so I ask all parents and guardians to be aware of the symptoms, seek medical advice and take an antigen test.

Please put any absence notes in the school journal which will be checked and updated in due course.

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Ms. Kearns, Principal