

25 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Re: Update about the Government's advice and restrictions, and the impact on Trinity College

The Prime Minister announced yesterday evening a change to the number of people who can gather both indoors and outdoors.

- Indoor gatherings are restricted to essential meetings only. Barbecues and dinner parties are banned, weddings are now restricted to 5 people maximum and funerals to 10 people maximum, as examples of what these guidelines look like.
- Outdoors is restricted to a maximum of 10 people following social distancing procedures (the example given was for Personal Training and exercising).

Additional impacts from these restrictions and what Trinity College has implemented are:

- All excursions and out of school activities will need to be cancelled until further notice. This includes both Wednesday Afternoon Activities and Friday Afternoon Activities off site.
- The Cross Country Carnival scheduled for next week will be postponed to an indefinite date.
- Food Friday will cease as of this Friday.
- Parents in Partnership will not be able to meet next week in person.

Trinity College remains committed to remaining open and for learning to continue as normally as possible in these difficult circumstances, while this remains the government's advice and position.

The College will be considering the government's recommendation about pupil free days to facilitate the provision of online learning, and we will make an announcement by the end of the week.

We encourage parents to send their children to school if they have no signs of illness or have no requirement to be isolated.

Please be reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 7:25-34 to trust in Him and not to worry – here is an excerpt: *“Do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

If you choose to exercise the Prime Minister's option of keeping your child at home, we will:

- Provide some work for your child to complete at home
- Secondary students will continue to have access to lessons and learning via Google Classroom

These are the regular and normal level of support to students who are away for an extended absence. While we remain open, we will be providing our highest quality of learning in our classrooms.

We are continuing to take actions towards delivering a more detailed level of support for learning from home if Trinity College does need to mandatorily close for a period of time.

We will communicate again before the end of this week as to the arrangements for our last week of term. I apologise for the short notice, however, this instruction was new information to the school last night.

If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



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