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Dear Parents/Students,

I hope that you are all keeping well.

The Department of Education continues to engage closely with stakeholder representatives during this Covid 19 period, to work towards achieving consensus on a satisfactory way forward to ensure a safe phased return for all, in line with public health advice.

In the interim please see the following supports that are available for parents/students:

Continuity of schooling guidance

Continuity of schooling guidance for parents is available at this link in several languages:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/965639-continuity-of-schooling>

Online safety

Extensive information and guidance on online safety is available to for parents and students at [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie).

The information contained at <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/covid19-online-safety-advice-for-parents/> might be particularly useful.

## Curriculum Tagged Resources

The Department's Education portal Scoilnet (<https://www.scoilnet.ie/>) contains some 21,000 curriculum tagged resources that can be used by teachers, students and parents to support the continuity of learning in the remote environment.

## Wellbeing supports

The National Educational Psychological Service of the Department of Education, NEPS, has developed an updated series of resources and animation videos for parents and students during this period of school closures.

These build on previous materials that proved popular with parents.

The videos feature important updated wellbeing advice and guidance, and include tips on how students can stay positive, active and connected, and how parents can support their child's daily routine.

Irish language and sign language interpretation versions are also available and are posted on the Department's twitter feed on @Education\_Ire and on [gov.ie/schools](http://gov.ie/schools).

The pdf resource guides are available here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/af24b-wellbeing-guidance-documents-for-parentsstudents-and-schools/e>

The videos are available here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-theirfamilies/#wellbeing-advice-for-parents-during-covid-19>

## Supports for parents of children with special educational needs

The National Council for Special Education has a range of resources for parents of children with special educational needs, including useful material on a broad list of supportive topics, and short focused video materials designed to provide advice and guidance to parents. These are available on [ncse.ie](http://ncse.ie) and disseminated through their twitter feed @ncseirl.

The NCSE is also operating a dedicated phone line for parents of children with special educational needs during this period of school closure, offering support and guidance; the number is 01 603 3456 and it is open during office hours.

Support for Traveller parents:

The Department has produced a video in partnership with Pavee Point for Traveller parents on supporting their children during school closures, which is available here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-theirfamilies/#support-for-traveller-parents-while-schools-are-closed>

I hope you are all well and managing to navigate our online platform Ms TEAMS.

As you know students are encouraged to follow their timetable and attend all of their classes each day.

We continue to miss the normality of school life we really do hope that it won't be for much longer.

Keep up to date by following us on Twitter [@ccbsnews](#) and [Facebook Coláiste Cholmcille, Ballyshannon](#) and by visiting our school website [www.ccbs.ie](http://www.ccbs.ie).

As always if you need to contact us you can do so at [info@ccbs.ie](mailto:info@ccbs.ie)

Thank you for your continued support, Stay Safe.

Yours sincerely,

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