## **Davitt College**

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Dear Parents / Guardians and Students,

We hope you are all well, keeping safe and healthy. Happy New Year to you and your families.

As you may be aware, the Government and Department of Education and Skills have advised that schools remain closed until the 1<sup>st</sup> of February with proposals for Leaving Certificate Students to attend school 3 days a week.

To this end, online learning using the MS Teams platform will begin on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January for ALL year groups. Please note that the Leaving Certificate Class will be engaged in online learning for Monday 11th January and Tuesday 12th January next week. Further updates will follow.

While it has been some time since students may have used MS Teams from home in a school closure setting, they have shown great skills in using it with their teachers from September to December 2020. If you have any difficulty please bring it to the attention of the relevant tutor or year head and it will hopefully be resolved, similar to how issues are resolved in school.

We are in a very fluid and changeable situation, as the school receives new and official guidance from the Department of Education and Skills - we will keep you updated as promptly as possible.

We advise that students make every effort to engage with teachers and follow their instruction, guidance and revision plans in each subject area and as far as is practicable work steady in the coming weeks and months. We ask all students to put in their best effort in cooperating with their teachers as we move to online learning, ask lots of questions, complete their tasks and homework, stay in regular contact and as always the CARE TEAM and LEARNING SUPPORT team are available to assist if you feel that any student would benefit from a little extra support.

For now, we all must do as we are asked to STAY AT HOME, limit our contacts and practice social distancing with good hand hygiene and cough etiquette.

You may contact the school by emailing <a href="mailto:davittcollege@msletb.ie">davittcollege@msletb.ie</a> or from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January telephoning or texting 086 4183294

Sending you every best wish for a healthy and safe 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Bernie Rowland

Principal