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## Information Bulletin 10-04-2020

Dear Guardian/Parent,

I am writing to you this evening following the ministerial briefing this afternoon re: school closures and state exams.

Before I begin, on behalf of our school community I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the Cadogan family on their very sad loss. I applaud your calls urging people to stay at home and I strongly echo your sentiment.

**School Closure:** The school will remain closed until further notice.

The main points from the ministerial briefing are as follows:

1. Leaving Certificate written examinations postponed until late July/ early August
2. Junior Cycle examinations in June replaced with school-based exams and assessments early in the new school year.
3. The new Leaving Certificate (including Leaving Certificate Applied) timetable will be confirmed in early June.
4. Leaving Certificate oral language and some Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle practical performance examinations had been scheduled to take place between 23 March and 3 April. These were cancelled and candidates awarded 100% for these components. Today's announcement does not change that position.
5. Practical projects and Course Work - A range of subjects involve these elements Computer Science, PE Performance, Technology, Art, Agricultural Science, Agricultural Economics, History, Geography, RE, Politics and Society, Music Composition, Construction Studies and Home Economics (Textiles). The



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deadline for submission of work will now be immediately prior to the commencement of the written examinations in the late July/August period.

6. Practical examinations. A number of practical examinations, supervised by school appointed superintendents and scheduled for 27 April to 8 May in Engineering, Art Life Sketching and Construction Studies and a practical and written examination in Computer Science scheduled for 27 May will now take place in the late July/August period
7. Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) and LCVP Link Modules
8. LCA Personal Reflection Task, scheduled for completion by 1 May, will now be completed by the commencement of the written examinations in the late July/August period.
9. The following will be rescheduled for the late July/August period. LCA Oral Examinations. LCA practical performance tests in Hotel Catering & Tourism; Office Administration and Customer Care; Active Leisure Studies; Hair & Beauty; and Agriculture/Horticulture. LCA ICT practical performance and written examination. LCVP Link modules written examination.

In these extraordinary times these are exceptional measures required to ensure the students preparing for this years State Examinations are afforded every opportunity and has given some more clarity to us all that we all require.

These are very challenging times. RCS is here to support you in any way that we can. As principal, I am here to support you in any way that I can. There is no script for what is currently happening, but we will get through this as a school community. Our professional and dedicated teaching staff will continue to engage with all of our students, 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year, as best as they possibly can. I will be in touch with you all again soon.



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The local St. Vincent De Paul can also help with fuel and other supplies.

Our Home School Liaison, Sharon McDermott is available to contact on 0892211764.

## **Child Protection:**

If you have child protection concerns, please go to [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie) or contact the Duty Social Worker on 0539198201. In the case of a child protection emergency, contact the Gardai.

If you wish to contact me, I am available at rachel.oconnor@ramsgrangecommunityschool.ie .I will make every effort to respond to your query promptly and support you in any way I can.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel O' Connor, Principal.



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