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RE: Provision for Remote Learning

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We hope that you and your families are well. We are writing to you today to update you on some important developments in relation to the tools we use to provide for remote learning.

As you are aware, the school uses Microsoft Teams for the delivery of online classes and other remote learning opportunities. We also continue to use Schoology for some communication and sharing of resources with 2nd, 3rd and 6th years.

You may be aware of an incident in another LMETB school last week whereby a number of people who were not students at that school gained access to an online class on Teams.

We want to reassure you firstly that we have not experienced this issue at our school and that, following this incident, the LMETB IT Department have taken steps to increase the level of security on Teams so that an incident of this nature will not happen in the future. Students (or anyone else) are not now able to enter a meeting without being admitted by the teacher who is in charge of the meeting. Students must be logged into Teams using their school Office 365 account so that their teacher can easily identify them.

While the LMETB IT department and Microsoft are continuing to investigate the specific issue in the LMETB school last week, we understand a number of schools nationally have experienced similar issues and it does appear that some students around the country are sharing links to online classes on social media, which is one way people from outside the school could attempt to access online classes. We are satisfied that the steps taken by LMETB IT department will prevent such individuals from gaining access to online classes here.

In general, we are very happy with how the move to remote learning is working thus far. Students are engaging very well with their teachers online and we want to thank you most sincerely for your support and cooperation in these difficult times.

Please continue to get in touch with your child's Moltóir if you have any issues in relation to remote learning.

Yours faithfully,


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