

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We wish to notify you of a number of changes to our published timetable.

- The DES has launched a new **Children First** (Child Protection) Guidelines and Procedures for all those working with Children. These new procedures came into effect on the 11th December and must be implemented by all schools by 11th March. To facilitate this the DES has sanctioned two half days of in-service for teachers on the new procedures. We in Ratoath College will be taking the first of these days on Thursday 25th Jan when school will close at 11.45. A second half day has yet to be organised. You will be informed once that date is confirmed.
- School will be closed for students on Tuesday the 6th February to facilitate teachers attending Junior Cycle In-service for teachers. As a result of this it is necessary to commence the Mock exams a day earlier than previously scheduled. Mock exams now start on Friday 26th January Students have been informed of this.
- An early closure scheduled for 27th February is now changed to the following week the 6th March

In summary please note the following school closures

- Thursday 25th January class finishes at 11.45
- Friday 26th January Mock Exams commence.
- Tuesday 6th Feb school closed
- Tuesday 27th February ...a normal school day finishing at 15.30
- Tuesday 6th March Class finishes at 14.25

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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