27th April 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians

We trust your daughter has settled back into a learning routine following the Easter holidays. While we it will not be possible for your daughter to sit her modules exams this summer, she will be sitting her GCSE exams next year therefore it is crucial that she continues to work on her Google Classroom. The content covered and skills developed this year will be important to your daughter’s progress in her overall GCSE exams. We understand there may be frustration at times with the technology, but please be patient and preserve as we are doing everything in our power to ensure that learning continues. If you are experiencing difficulties please visit our school website for a Parents’ Guide document.

We would like to draw your attention to a few services you may which to avail during these challenging times. Firstly, if you are in need of counselling, you can contact Family Works, on the following link <https://familyworksni.com/> Secondly the Safer Schools app endorsed by the Department of Education. The App is designed to support you, as you keep the children and young people in your care safer online. The app will provide you with information on how you can make your home and their devices safer, understanding Social Media and the benefits and risks of apps such as Snapchat, Instagram, House Party to name but a few. The app also will provide you more information on inspiring healthy media habits and screen time to making you aware of scams and keeping personal information safer online. In order to download the app:

Step 1 Search ‘Safer Schools’ and download the App in Apple Store or Google Apps.

Step 2 Open the App and enter: Department of Education NI and use your entry code

to log in. Entry Code : 7675

Further updates will be issued via our text messaging service and school website. If parents / guardians need any further advice or wish to contact us on any matter, please email [kmcgahan831@c2kni.net](mailto:kmcgahan831@c2kni.net) and a member of the Year Team or Pastoral Team will be in touch.

We continue to keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers as we find a way forward in these unprecedented times.

Miss M. McHenry

Principal