



24rd September 2020

Covid 19 Response and Preparation

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am sure that you are aware of the increase in positive cases of Covid 19 in the Londonderry and Strabane District. A number of schools across the area have been affected leading to individual pupils, and sometimes entire year groups, having to self-isolate for two weeks. Thankfully, Lisneal College has not been affected to date and we are grateful to our pupils and their families for supporting our Covid 19 mitigation measures. Our pupils and staff have been fantastic and are to be commended for their responsible and respectful conduct as we face these challenging times.

As the number of positive cases increases daily, I believe our teachers must plan for a range of scenarios including class/year group isolation, staggered timetables and school closure. We are acutely aware of the impact self-isolation could have on examination year groups, so we wish to establish learning and teaching platforms that support pupils to learn remotely, if the situation arrives. Therefore, I am writing to you to inform you that a Staff Development Day has been scheduled for **Friday 2nd October 2020**. Pupils should not attend on this day to allow teachers and non-teaching staff to prepare and establish online resources and stress test a range of Covid 19 responses. This week we have provided pupils with support to download the Google Classroom App onto their phones or other digital devices. This is to ensure that pupils are able to access online resources and submit work digitally if a move to remote learning is required.

It is not my intention to cause alarm or worry; I simply want Lisneal College to be prepared for all possible scenarios. The rise in positive cases is concerning; however, if we work together we can get through anything that comes our way. #TEAMLISNEAL

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Allen".

Mr M Allen
Principal