

# St. Oliver's Community College

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following recent updates from all teachers in Transition Year, regarding the level of engagement by students with teaching and learning during the period of the school closure, I would like to communicate the following.

Regular engagement with the work assigned by teachers is key to continuing to progress in their studies. It can also be beneficial in creating and maintaining a routine for students in these unusual circumstances.

For all students, it is important that "time away from school" is not perceived as "time off school".

If the issues in relation to engagement with work are as a consequence of IT or Internet access, please ask your son/daughter to get in touch with their teachers so that we can assist in getting work to them. Students who are having problems logging on to their school email can request their email to be reset by clicking on the link [here](#).

We recognise that these are exceptional circumstances which are challenging to us all, in every part of our lives. In education, students, teachers, parents and guardians, are adapting to the changed situation. In as far as their circumstances allow, I would like to encourage all students to continue to communicate with their teachers, to work on their studies and to engage with the learning that teachers are assigning.

Updates in relation to the school closure are posted on the school website - [socc.ie](http://socc.ie).

I would urge you to please speak with your son/daughter in relation to their engagement in learning. Your support in this matter will be of great benefit to them in their educational progress at this challenging time.

In times like these we can find some comfort in poetry, I'll leave you with some words from Séamus Heaney: *'Believe that further shore is reachable from here.'*

Kind regards,

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