

## Weekly Update 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Attendance

We have made some improvements to some of our processes for managing attendance in the school recently in response to feedback. As the main attendance for the day is taken during Key Adult Time, it is very important that all young people do attend Key Adult. This is also when important information is shared and learning conversations take place.

If your young person misses Key Adult you will receive a text message. You can now respond to this message by text using one of the following options: unwell, appointment or other. Where the reason is 'other' we will follow up unless you advise us of the reason through the text. If we do not hear back from a parent we will send a further text in the afternoon or follow up with a phonecall. You can still notify us of absence in advance via the Absence Line or via email as normal and doing this will mean that you will not receive a text. Please remember to include your young person's name in all correspondence with the school.



### Assessments in the Senior Phase

We have been really impressed with the way in which our young people have engaged with their assessments in the Senior Phase – there has been a great deal of maturity and resilience in evidence. Well done to all our seniors – we are so proud of you!

### P7 Parent Information Evening

Families of current P7 young people will receive a letter via their Primary school with links to surveys to gather information in advance of the transition to high school. Covid restrictions mean that our normal 3 day visit will be a virtual experience this year from 15-17 June. Parents and carers of P7s are invited to a virtual Information Evening on Wednesday 26 May from 7-8pm.

### School Car Park

Parents and carers who are not disabled are once again asked to refrain from using or blocking the disabled parking spaces in the school car park. If you give your young person a lift to school, please find a safe space to drop them off nearby. Using the school car park for drop off creates a hazard by mixing pedestrians and cars at busy times. Queuing to get in and out of the school car park is also leading to congestion and hazards on Milton Road.

### Wellbeing Wednesday

Our S1-S3 have written some really thoughtful postcards for care homes in the area. We all know how difficult it has been during the last year for residents of care homes and we hope the beautiful words of our young people at Portobello will put a smile on their faces.



Dear whoever is reading  
 This, I hope as we start  
 to ease lockdown rules you  
 are able to see your  
 loved ones. Keep being strong  
 as there is lots of  
 support you may.

Take care

-charlie




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Times are hard but time  
 never stands still, and  
 before we know it, humanity  
 will be back together again.  
 I hope you're well and found  
 something fun to do in lockdown.




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