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Dear Parent/Carer

Senior Phase Students – Key dates

We have reached the stage in the session when our S6 students and some S4 and 5 students are preparing to leave school.

The official leaving date each year for students moving on to pastures new is the 31st of May. However, as we will still be in the midst of formal assessment opportunities at this time I thought it would be helpful to share with you the plans for managing this process this session.

- S6 students will be expected to attend school and timetabled classes until the 31st of May. After this date **S6 students** should only attend the classes for the courses in which there are outstanding assessments still to be completed. Their teachers will remind students when their assessments are taking place.
- S4 and S5 students who are leaving school, are of school leaving age, and have secured a positive destination e.g. employment, apprenticeship, college or further training should follow the same expectations as those above for S6 students. Any student in S4 or S5 must confirm all the details with their guidance teacher prior to leaving school.

Given the recent disruption due to the increase in positive Covid -19 cases within the community we will be carrying out assessments for those who have missed them well into June, this also applies to students who are entitled to additional assessment arrangements. We are working to finalise dates for the missed assessments and these will be communicated directly with the students as soon as we can.

It is important to bear in mind that teachers may need to contact students who are leaving school with regards to their assessments after the 31st of May in the event that clarification is required on any of their assessment evidence.

All S4/5 students who are considering staying on at school must continue to attend school and all timetabled classes until term ends on the 25th June. Following the end of the formal assessments there will be induction activities and a focus on wellbeing for students in the lead up to the summer break.

Public health guidance means we are limited in our ability to celebrate the end of school for those students who are leaving us. This is incredibly disappointing for all, however we will have some small-scale events in class to wish our students well whilst still maintaining everyone's safety.

Finally, I would urge all students who have signed up to the Asymptomatic Testing programme to make sure they have returned a negative lateral flow test result before returning to school tomorrow.

Best wishes

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