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Dear Parents,

Please be reminded that during this COVID-19 Isolation period where students are working at home, the laws around school attendance still apply.

What is the criteria for a student being “present” during COVID-19?

For a student to be counted as “present” their teachers must be assured that they are engaging with the learning opportunities being provided.

Examples of a student engaging include:

- The student is “active” on Google Classroom, ie: tasks are being completed, uploaded and returned to the teacher, lessons are being viewed, and the student is asking questions and seeking clarification where required.
- If unable to access the Google Classroom due to internet issues or lack of device, it is expected that the student/parent/carer is communicating with the teacher in some way, ie: email or phone call. An example could be the student sending the teacher an email in the morning when they start their work, or a parent phoning the teacher to let them know how the child is going with their school work.
- **If there is no evidence of a student engaging with the work provided and requirements set out by the school, teachers will make contact with parents to seek clarification as to whether the student is engaging in work. If teachers are unable to make contact with parents after several attempts then the student will be marked absent.**

Yours sincerely,

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St Patrick's School Leadership Team