



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

16th April 2020

Dear 5th Year Students,

Thanks to all those 5th Year students who have applied to be a CARA.

As you are probably aware, the CARA voting process happens during the third term of 5th year. After which all the 5th years are gathered together and the new CARA team are announced for the next academic year. Then the CARA training programme is in August, the day before the 1st years return to school.

Remember this is the most sought-after student leadership programme in the school and we know that the emotional investment from those who apply is huge. Inevitably with 54 applicants there will be lots of students who:

- have given greatly to our school
- who will be unsuccessful
- who would have done a super job as CARA (if appointed)
- and may be disappointed.

We have asked ourselves how do we remotely support those who are unsuccessful in their application? We don't feel at this stage that we can do this adequately in the present circumstances.

So, to this end we have decided to postpone the voting process until it can be done in "real time" (i.e. when we are back together on the school campus). We know that you will be wondering when this might be and truthfully, we don't know but we hope this might be in September.

Rest assured your applications are safe and will be part of the CARA application process going forward. We will keep you informed as soon as we have a road map for the CARA application process.

So, can we ask you to put this CARA application process out of your mind for now – nothing is going to happen with this process until September when we will ensure that everyone is fully informed.

Thank you for your patience with us in this matter.

Stay safe,

Ms Mary Campbell
CARA Co-ordinator