



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

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Dear Parents/Guardians and 3rd Year and 6th Year Students,

We write to up-date you on issues pertinent for 3rd Years and 6th Years

Mock Exams

At the moment we are scheduled to return to school for Monday 1st February 2021, which is the date that our Mock exams are due to start. We also await a government announcement regarding plans for the state exams in June 2021. Furthermore, as many of you will have read DEB, which is one of the companies that we secure Mock Exam Papers from, has ceased business, due to these unprecedented times.

When we put all this information together what we have decided at the moment is the following:

- We will no longer take payment for Mocks Exams, as instead we will await further developments.
- We will postpone Mock Exams until we are back in school for at least one teaching week before making a decision about whether or not the exams will go ahead.

Participation and engagement

Currently 3rd Year students have an individual device and we have surveyed our 6th Year students so anyone who required a device has been loaned a school device for the period of remote teaching and learning. So we believe that every student in 3rd and 6th Year has a device to enable them to engage with Remote Teaching and Learning. If this is not the case, parents/guardians should urgently contact reception@loretoclonmel.ie so that we can work with you to provide a device. Also we have already asked that if your home has particular broadband issues etc that you would email us at reception@loretoclonmel.ie with this information. Today we have sent all students and parents/guardians information on *how to access unlimited mobile data for smartphones* (see page 2).

As we cannot be sure how long remote teaching and learning will continue for, it may be the case this year as it was last year, that teachers will be asked to determine Junior Cert/Cycle results and provide estimated marks for Leaving Cert Calculated Grades. Irrespective of how LC or JC are going to be assessed by the DES engagement and participation online remain crucial to the process of teaching & learning for 3rd Year and 6th Year students.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Mc Grath, Principal

Sarah Rice, Deputy Principal

How to access unlimited mobile data for your smartphone

Subject to Level 5 restrictions, mobile providers have confirmed they will continue to provide learners with affordable unlimited mobile data packages during this time.

What if I am on a contract?

You are allowed to move to another plan without penalty.

How can I choose this offer?

All you need to do is contact your mobile provider and say you want to move to an unlimited data plan. This guide explains more.

Does this offer apply to all plans?

No. Please note some prepay plans may not be included in this offer.

Step 1:

How do I get unlimited mobile data?

1 Contact your mobile provider

You should contact your mobile provider first by web chat as phone lines are busy.



Step 2:

If your provider does not offer you a new plan with unlimited data, contact ComReg

2 Contact the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

You can reach them by:

- Phone 01 804 9668
- Email consumerline@comreg.ie
- Webchat (This may be the the easiest way)
- Go to their Got a Question webpage for more information



Before speaking to ComReg, have the following information ready:

- Your full name
- Your mobile provider's name
- The date you contacted your provider
- The reason your provider told you they could not offer you unlimited data

Step 3:

If you need further support, ring AONTAS

3 Ring AONTAS

You can reach us at 1 800 303 669

We can help walk you through this process.



Email: mail@aontas.com
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