



East Glendalough School

1st Year Information Evening

Thursday 16 September 2021



Coronavirus COVID-19




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COVID-19
Public Health
Advice

Priorities

- Keep COVID-19 out of School
- Don't come in when ill
- Stick to the protocols
 - Distancing
 - Etiquette and face coverings
 - Sanitising: LEAVE NO TRACE!

Changes

- Timetable
 - Classes
 - Breaks
 - Lunches




EGS

COMMUNITY

1st Year Information Evening

1. 1st Year is crucial!
2. Raising your child's chances of success
3. Homework & Study
4. The school year – term by term
5. Support Structure
6. Perennial Issues
7. Other Information and Reminders



1. Raising the chances of success

- i. BE AMBITIOUS!
- ii. Make a commitment to their education
- iii. Maximum Attendance in School
- iv. Homework & Study
- v. Fill in the gaps where performance is weak
- vi. Work in partnership with teachers
- vii. 1st years are still kids



Homework & Study



Homework

In EGS it is expected that all students complete academic work at home on a regular basis.

We need parental support with this.



Homework

Work at home will comprise:

Homework (set by teachers)

&

Study (extra background work)



Homework

All homework should be written into
Homework Journal.

Parents are encouraged to check journals
regularly to ensure this is happening.



Homework

Work could be:

- * written
- * reading
- * learning
- * revising

ALL work is equally important!

Learning and reading is just as important as
written work.



Homework

Parents are asked to ensure that all work set is completed, at home, and in the best possible conditions.



The Study Environment...

Does your son/daughter have the best possible conditions in which to work?

- ✓ Regular Time
- ✓ Regular Place

Managing devices
No TV, No disturbances,



Regular Sleep

Study

The amount of time spent on Homework and Study?

- At least one and a half hours
- but NOT all night!
- If homework is completed in less than the time set, **the rest of the time should be spent on study**
- If it's regularly more than this time, **TELL US PLEASE!**



Study is...

- Ensuring notes are up-to-date
- Learning Notes → This will be the Key to success
- Researching



What is Study?

1. Ensuring notes are up-to-date
 - Writing up notes (in our own words) in a particular subject
 - Re-writing notes which are untidy or incomplete or missed through absence



What is Study?

2. Learning Notes
 - Reading and revising sections of work
 - Self-testing – seeing how much of the material covered can be recalled



Notekeeping

In EGS we expect all students to learn to make notes and keep them in an organised fashion.

This will make revision easier for the student



Challenging our students

- Increased emphasis on establishing good work ethic and study habits in 1st Year
- Increased emphasis on challenging more able students to go further



1st Year ...term by term

Term One:

- September: Tiredness will impact/is impacting
- Rotations in choice subjects
- 16 November: Parent-Teacher Meetings (format TBC)



1st Year ...term by term

Term One (continued):

- 29 Nov – 3 Dec: Christmas exams
- Early December: 1st Years make subject choices
- 21 December: School closes



1st Year ...term by term

Term Two:

- This can be a long term
- 17 February – 1st Year Parents' Advice Night



1st Year ...term by term


Term Three:

- Not a long term this year (20 or so days + exams)
- Sports Day (we hope)
- 23 May – 2 June: Summer Exams




Support Structures

- Form Teachers
 - 1X: Ms Sutton
 - 1Y: Mr King
 - 1Z: Ms Fox
- Head of 1st Year (Mr Heaney)
- Head of Junior School (Mr McGettigan)
- Chaplain (Ms Evans)
- Guidance Counsellor (Mrs O'Callaghan)



Support Structures

- Learning Support Department
- Special Needs Assistants
- Prefects – “Buddy” System
- Open Door – it’s ok not to feel ok




Perennial Issues

1. Tiredness
2. Weight of schoolbags
3. Property
4. Phones



Student Property

1. Students should avoid bringing valuables to school
2. Mobile phones should be kept to themselves.
Misuse will lead to their confiscation
3. Please put names on all property
4. Please don't leave property around the school




Information/Reminders

1. Sickness, Lateness, Absence, Leaving Early
 1. notes@egs.ie
2. School Transport
3. Car Park
4. Discipline



Discipline

- We trust parents to trust us
- We expect the very highest standards of behaviour at all times.
 - We have a reputation for doing things well, and we aim to maintain that
- If we call you, we *need* your support.

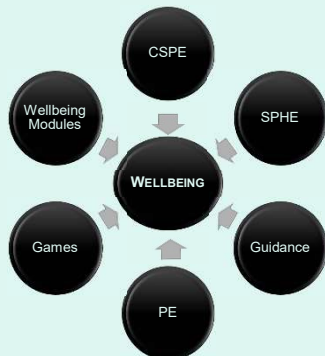


Common 1st Year Discipline Issues

1. Uniform
2. Unkindness to others
3. Standards of Homework
4. Distracting others in class



Junior Cycle, not Junior Cert



Junior Cycle Update – *full implementation*

- English
- Business
- Science
- French/Spanish
- Art
- Irish
- History
- Maths
- HE
- Geography
- TG
- Metalwork
- Short Courses:
 - CSPE
 - RE



Junior Cycle Update

- Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs)
 - 2nd Year/3rd Year
 - Example: Oral Presentation (English)
- These will be in lieu of 2nd Year summer and 3rd Year Christmas exams in these subjects



Parents agree 9.00PM as a cut-off for phone use
in their homes