

# Colaiste Phobal Ros Cré

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May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and thank you all, on behalf of the staff here in Colaiste Phobal, for your continued support and co-operation this past 12 months.

Most importantly I would like to thank you for your words of encouragement and offerings of help, that you have kindly sent us throughout what has been a most difficult time for the entire school community, it is those words that have kept us going.

As you are aware, it has been extremely difficult to plan anything without knowing what restrictions may be in place before the end of the academic year. But I wanted you to know that we are endeavouring to hold some form of leaving ceremony for your son/ Daughter.

Since the Taoiseach's announcement last week, our patrons Tipperary ETB and our trust body ETBI have issued direction to us that we must not hold *"any event that involves a gathering of a group of students, for any purpose"*.

In addition, *"we have to bear in mind that 6<sup>th</sup> year students will be sitting LC written exams on 9<sup>th</sup> June and we cannot have an event organised in our schools which may lead to students not being able to sit their LC exams"*.

As a result of the above direction, our 6<sup>th</sup> year graduation ceremony will take place virtually, via our teams' platform on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> next at 6.30pm.

You will I hope, understand why this must be the case. With those sitting the written exams during the following weeks, we must request that students are discouraged from organising any meet up or celebrations that would be contrary to government guidelines or which would jeopardise the ability of students to attend for their exams commencing June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you again for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. O'Connor,  
Principal.