



## 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> year Summer Reports 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Being acutely mindful of the ongoing lack of certainty for our teachers, parents and students and for the wellbeing of all concerned at this time of national emergency, we would like to inform our students and parents of the following;

### **Summer 2020 reports will be issued for HFSS students in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> (see separate letter) TY and 5<sup>th</sup> years**

- The final summer report will state the relevant level for the subject (Higher/Ordinary/Foundation)
- The report will state a grade descriptor for the level of attainment based on continuous assessment and engagement with assessment tasks.
- The report will record academic subjects only.

### **What is the HFSS rationale for arriving at this format of assessment?**

All schools closed on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. In a public statement of 1<sup>st</sup> May, An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, TD announced that school buildings will not re-open until the next school year. In the meantime, we will continue with online and remote school.

[https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-](https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/News/Government_publishes_roadmap_to_ease_Covid_19_restrictions_and_reopen_Ireland%E2%80%99s_economy_and_society.html)

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### **What are the assessment tasks that students are currently completing?**

The assessments are to support continued engagement with the progression of the curriculum for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years. Completed tasks are to be submitted to teachers by **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**. This gives students the flexibility to get the assessments completed, working with their teachers. Each subject department has agreed common assessments for the summer reports. Our students' teachers will contact them all directly with details of the required assessments via their TEAMS subject groups.

**Teaching classes online will finish on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. This will allow students the time to complete any unfinished and required assessments by 4pm on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May.**

**TY students (our 4<sup>th</sup> years):** There is a separate and very distinct report format for the Transition Year students. Students will be informed of the format by their subject teachers.

**What should we do if we are having any issues with online engagement for school work?**

**It is very important that parents/guardians contact the school to let us know that there are issues with engagement for online learning and keep communicating with teachers and the school.**

HFSS have set up an IT support link on our COVID-19 Updates tab on our website. If you are experiencing any problems with your Microsoft Office (emails, TEAMS etc.) please contact [ithelpdesk@holyfamily.ie](mailto:ithelpdesk@holyfamily.ie)

**School ongoing updates**      [www.holyfamily.ie/covid-19-updates/](http://www.holyfamily.ie/covid-19-updates/)

**For other queries please contact** [reception@holyfamily.ie](mailto:reception@holyfamily.ie). We will work to support our students and their families to the absolute best of the school's ability. However, this is a shared responsibility between the parents and the school. We need your active involvement to address any issues arising.

**What happens after Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years?**

School will finish for these year groups on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

We know that this has been an unprecedented experience for all, and for many, a very challenging time. We look forward with determined optimism to a fresh new start in the new school year. In the meantime, stay safe and stay well at this time of national crisis. We will continue to follow our school motto, held dear to us all in HFSS; 'To Be Family and To Build Family'.

With sincerest regards.

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