



Dear Learners and Colleagues,

We are now living in unprecedented times since the Government took the decision to close schools/colleges/training centres/education centres to students/learners and encouraged remote/home working for as many staff as possible, in order to support social distancing measures and to try safeguard the health of our nation. The impact on the health and wellbeing of our students/learners, our staff, our families and our communities are at the forefront of our minds.

In this time of crisis, we have been called upon to go beyond our normal contribution in order to maintain some semblance of normality in what is, a very abnormal period. Maintaining a service to our learners is, and will be, our contribution to this national effort to mitigate the worst effects of this virus.

From my communication with our leaders throughout Cork ETB, I am aware of the huge effort that everyone is making to maintain a quality service for all our learners and the efforts being made to ensure business continuity. I am also aware of the high level of engagement of our learners with various e-learning platforms.

To our learners, thank you for your engagement. I want to give you an assurance that Cork ETB and my colleagues will continue to work proactively to assist you to get through this challenging time in your education and learning journey.

To my colleagues, thank you for rising to the challenges of these exceptional times. I am aware that the change to working remotely will have had a profound impact on your own working and personal circumstances.

As part of a large and diverse organisation we are all challenged to find new ways to work, to balance family and social responsibilities. I am proud of how everyone has responded in a very short space of time, it gives me assurance that when this crisis is over that Cork ETB will be ideally placed to contribute to the our social, cultural and economic recovery.

Take care. Stay safe. Be mindful of others.

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.

Le gach dea- mhéin,

Denis Leamy,

Chief Executive