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## Dear parent/carer

You may be aware that a **School Strike 4 Climate Action** rally is to take place on Friday, 21 May 2021 during school hours, and that some students from the metropolitan may plan to be absent from school to attend.

The Department of Education has advised us that students attending the rally will be marked absent and the usual procedures for student absence will apply. While the Department supports young people taking an active interest in issues in the world around them, students attending political rallies during school hours cannot be endorsed, encouraged or facilitated by the Department of Education.

In addition, I need to make you aware that attendance at rallies may involve a risk of injury to students if inappropriate activity ensues from the actions of some people or groups that may attend.

I thank you for your continuing support of the College.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Cottrill, Principal

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