

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you safe and that you are all doing ok during these difficult times. We are looking forward to the return to school of all our students.

We are delighted to welcome them back and we will be operating under strict Covid guidelines to keep everybody in the building safe.

Students are expected in school from 8.50am until 3.30pm each day with the exception of Wednesdays (when school finishes at 1.05pm)

We are confident that if students continue to work with us and attend school every day that we can support them through the next stages of their education. The following guidelines are in place this year –

- Everyone entering the building must perform hand hygiene with a hand sanitiser;
- COVID-19 Induction programme for all staff and students
- Signage to show how to move around the building.
- Signage outlining the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and to support good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Floor markings to illustrate physical distancing.
- Rearranged classrooms to ensure 1m physical distance between students.
- Hand sanitisers in entrance hall, general areas and all classrooms
- Posters explaining hand washing/sanitising technique.
- Isolation Room has been set up and is stocked with PPE gear.
- Lunch arrangements have changed.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed into the school during the day and only by prior arrangement with the Senior Leadership Team
- Any parent/guardian wishing to visit the school must make an appointment.
- A detailed sign in/sign out log of those entering the school facilities will be kept to facilitate contact tracing.
- All visitors will have to wear a face covering, like the ones worn in shops or on public transport.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained between staff and visitors where possible.
- Code of Behaviour Policy being amended to include sanctions for breaching Covid-19 health and safety protocols.
- Risk Assessment being updated to include COVID-19
- Any student who becomes unwell with any sickness during the school day will have to be collected from the school by a parent/guardian. Please ensure contact details are correct and up

That said the students were excellent on their return last year and handled all the changes really well – I have no doubt that they will meet our expectations this time too.

If you have been outside of Ireland please notify the school and follow the guidelines as outlines on the 'Return to Ireland'. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b4020-travelling-to-ireland-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Please see our website for further details throughout the year.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Kind Regards

Lesley Byrne

Principal