



HM return to school email to all Parents/Guardians 04-08-21

Dear Parent and Guardian

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday so far. We are looking forward to welcoming back all the students on Sunday evening and Monday morning. For Forms 1-4 it will be an adjustment, but most will be eager and excited to see their classmates and resume in-person learning and extra-curricular activities.

Staff have been working hard over the Easter Break to put the final preparations in place for the safe return of all students. We have 7 weeks in this summer term and our aim is to make it an enjoyable one for the school community, and to ensure safety for all by setting out the parameters and expectations clearly.

Students will be emailed a synopsis of this email separately tomorrow.

Please do not send your child back to school if they have any [Covid-symptoms](#) or are a close contact of a positive case. For peace of mind there are walk-in Covid-testing clinics being set up around Ireland on a rolling basis. Check the [HSE website](#) for details.

We will be in contact with a fee update, early in the term. Any parent with queries on fee supports should email feeaccounts@thekingshospital.ie.

ACTIONS REQUIRED FROM THIS EMAIL

1. [Watch the return to school video with your child/ren](#)
2. [Submit the return to school form before returning.](#)

A refresher of return to school protocols, staggered schedules and pointers are covered below and in the video. Since we avoided infection outbreaks in the first term, we must continue to be vigilant and follow our protocols to the letter, especially in light of the new variants in the community and daily case numbers still in the 100's.

A zoom assembly will take place for all students on Monday morning.

- **DROP OFF - Forms 1, 2 & 3 08:15, Forms 4, 5 & 6 08:30**
 - Be alert to signage and instructions from the ground staff
 - Drive to the **end** of the drop off barrier so that other cars can let children off behind you.
 - Do not exit your vehicle during drop off.
 - If you arrive early, park adjacent to flags or opposite Form 6 boarding house.
- **PICK-UP – Form 1, 2 & 3 15:40 & Forms 4, 5 & 6 15:45**
 - Students can only be collected in the Chapel Carpark
 - Parents must once again use the one-way system.
 - If your child is not ready on your arrival, park adjacent to flags or opposite Form 6 boarding house.
- **MASK-WEARING** is compulsory at all times indoors, and when entering and leaving the school buildings, to attend Sport or PE.
 - Ask at reception for a lanyard to hold mask for Sport or PE, if needed.
 - A new 3-ply mask will be given to all students on return.
 - Ask at reception for a pack of filters if an anxious or medically vulnerable student requires one. A sheet of paper towel is also effective between the layers.
 - Additional masks can be purchased at reception in a pack of 2 for E5 (bank notes only)
- **HAND-SANTISERS** are located throughout the school. Please encourage your child to use them and wash hands with soap frequently.
- **ONE-WAY SYSTEM** is back in operation. This is an effective way to keep students distanced and will be enforced at all times.

- **STAGGERED BREAK AND LUNCHES**

- The hot-lunch link is active at <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk>. Summer term is €235. There will be no cash wallet available for the next term. Email Sean.Meagher@Sodexo.com with any queries.
- Students can have a snack at breaktime and remove their masks while eating. They can go outside or to their assigned areas. The same should apply for lunch. Students not having a prepaid hot lunch should go to their assigned areas or go outside when weather permits.
- Forms 1-3 will have break at 10:05-10:20 and lunch at 12:20 to 13:00
- Forms 4-6 will have break at 10:45-11:00 and lunch at 13:00 to 13:40

ACADEMICS [Siobhan Daly](#)

- **Form 6** - All supervised timed-assessments will be completed by May 14th, and timetabled classes continue to be taught up to May 28th.
- **Form 3** – End of summer term assessments to be completed before the 28th of May.
- **Form 1, 2, 4, 5** summer term exams take place the week of May 24th.
- **Form 1 & 3** study skills session will take place next week.

PASTORAL – [Cormac UaBruadair](#)

Boarding

- Drop off is from 7-9pm only on Sunday evening and each Sunday for the term.
- Forms 1-5 Girls enter at Mercer door and Boys at reception.
- Parents to remain in cars.
- PCR test result taken within 72 hours of return, must be shown on phone or print out to housepeople on arrival Sunday.
- [Return to school form](#) must be submitted for all boarders before returning to school.
- Re-orientation will take place on Sunday evening at 9pm.
- Parents are asked, where possible, to limit weekday appointments to Doctors, Dentists, Physios, to weekends.
- Parents must email [Cormac UaBruadair](#) before coming on campus outside drop off/pick up times.

Well-being

Please advise our well-being coordinator and school psychotherapist, [Clair Breen](#), if your child has been adversely affected by the latest lockdown and requires additional supports on their return.

ECA – [Kerrie O'Reilly](#) & [Derek Maybury](#)

Please find attached this [Trinity Term schedule](#) - this is a provisional schedule that is subject to change at short notice, and in accordance with any updated Government guidelines.

SOCS - Review and Sign-Up

Students must sign up for their activities on SOCS: <https://socscms.com/login/1908>. SOCS Support webpage is found here [for parents](#) and here [for students](#) or email sportsandeca@thekingshospital.ie. Students can still sign up the first week back but some activities might be full as we have to adhere to bubbles and reduced numbers guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring a safe return to school.

Yours,

Mark Ronan

Headmaster / Principal