

HM email to all Form 6 26-2-21

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back on Sunday eve/Monday morning. Some of you will be anxious about the return so we ask all of you to be kind and supportive to each other and the rest of the school community; as we don't know what the past two months have been like in each other's lives. I would also ask that you particularly respect the social distancing restrictions and correct mask wearing, and hand-hygiene, that are even more necessary than before Christmas, as we are now dealing with a more virulent strain of the virus than before.

Ms Daly will speak with all boarders on Sunday evening at 9pm to talk through the Department of Education plan for the Leaving Cert, that was sent to us last night, and Mr UaBruadair will lead a Covid-protocol orientation. This will be repeated for day students on Monday morning at 8:45am.

A recap of the return to school information sent on during the week is as follows:

Boarders

- All boarders return to school between 7-9pm on Sunday.
- Parents must remain in the car.
- Staff will be on hand to help with luggage.
- Please bring with you a copy of your negative PCR test. if not previously emailed to your Houseperson.
- A 9pm assembly will take place for orientation on Covid protocols and an explanation of the DES plan for Leaving Cert.

Day Students

- All Day students return to school at 8:30am on Monday morning and at that time each day thereafter.
- Ms Daly & Mr UaBruadair will hold an assembly at 08:45.
- Day Students enter ONLY at the Sports Hall door and exit each day at the Tuck Shop exit. The one-way system must be adhered to.
- Day Students cannot enter the school buildings early as we want to minimise indoor social contact time in the morning, and exceptions can only be made where school bus timetables dictate the arrival time.
- Day Students cannot use the Bluecoat block for now.
- Instead, a named desk has been set up in the Wilson Wright Hall with a plastic book bin underneath.

- Day Students must only sit at their desk for breaks and lunch as a roll will be taken each day for contact tracing purposes.
- The hall will be supervised each day when students are present.
- A microwave, toaster and kettle will be installed in the hall for Day Students.
- Day Students must leave the school campus each day at 4pm, Wednesday's at 1pm.
- There will be some exceptions on Wednesdays for Day Students who have Music lessons, or are sitting the optional Mock Exams.

All Form 6 students are expected to wear their full school uniform during the school day.

Attached are some reminders of public health guidelines from the government, including this video https://youtu.be/hg2wRiXXSpc.

As Form 6 is always looked up to by younger students, I would value your support in leading the way for a safe and calm return to school; and your positive engagement will set a great example for the rest of year groups as they return.

Yours, Mr Ronan Headmaster / Principal