



## Headmaster email to parents – start of school – 5-8-21

Dear Parents & Guardians

I hope that you and the students are all having a lovely summer so far, wherever your travels have taken you.

A short note to just remind you of the return to school dates for the different year groups and updates on return to school protocols.

### Full school days commence after each induction day. Forms 1-3 8:15, Forms 4-6 8:30

<b>Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Form 1 induction 11-1pm ½ day boarders arrive that day
<b>Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Form 6 induction 11-1pm ½ day boarders return that day.
<b>Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Form 5 & 4 induction 11-1pm ½ day boarders return that day.
<b>Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Form 3 & 2 induction 11-1pm ½ day boarders return that day.

In a recent [press release](#) from the Minister of Education, Norma Foley stated that schools are on target to reopen at the end of August.

'Schools have been advised that they should continue to operate with the current infection prevention and control measures in place to support their safe operation during COVID-19 when they reopen in the new term.

We await any updated guidance, but in the meantime, for our students and staff's safety, we will continue with our protocols of:

- Facial coverings for all students and staff.
- Enhanced cleaning schedules and regimes.
- Medical Centre Covid-pathway in place.
- One-way traffic system in corridors and dormitories.
- Staggered school start, break, lunch, and finish times.
- Drop off/pick-up only at Chapel Carpark with strict traffic management in place.
- No parents permitted to enter school buildings unless for a previously arranged appointment with a staff member.

Lunch breaks will remain staggered for Juniors and Seniors, with a hot food provision similar to the previous academic year, including no break time snacks or pay as you go lunch offerings. The price for this term's hot lunch, payable in advance, will be €505. Please contact [sean.meagher@sodexo.com](mailto:sean.meagher@sodexo.com) if you have any queries about the online payment system. Login in for returning day students [www.ipayimpact.co.uk](http://www.ipayimpact.co.uk).

Book and uniform lists are available on the Parent Info section of [www.kingshospital.ie](http://www.kingshospital.ie). Any fee queries should be directed to Carly Lynch [feeaccounts@thekingshospital.ie](mailto:feeaccounts@thekingshospital.ie).

Cormac UaBruadair will be in contact with all the boarding parents the week of August 16<sup>th</sup> with house information and room allocations, in light of vaccinations being currently available for [16+ students](#), and [12-15 year olds](#) in the coming days.

I look forward to welcoming back the students, well rested and eager to settle into, what we hope is, a less challenging year for all.

Yours,

Mark Ronan

Headmaster / Principal