

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dear Parent and Guardian, a thuistí/a chaomhnóirí,

We are entering our third phase of re-opening our school following the successful return of our ASD classes, our sixth year students and our fifth year students. We are now looking forward to the safe return of the rest of our school community on Monday April 12th. We all have worked hard to minimise the risk to everyone's health & safety. Your co-operation in all of this is essential.

Having reviewed all our Health and Safety procedures and to ensure that our school is ready to re-open for the return of all our students on Monday 12th April, the following is an outline of our plan to re-open our school as safely as is possible.

Please discuss the following protocols with your son / daughter prior to their return to school:

Return to School Monday 12th April - Information for Parents/ Guardians and Students

The best way to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in a school is to minimise the risk of introduction of the infection into the school setting in the first place. This can be achieved with your help through the following measures:

Symptoms of Covid- 19. They are:

- high temperature
- cough
- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- loss of smell/ taste or distortion of taste.

Please be aware that your son/ daughter **must not attend school** if they have **symptoms or signs** that may suggest Covid-19 until they have taken appropriate medical advice and testing if appropriate. Students **must not attend school** if they have been told that they are **close contacts** of a person with Covid-19.

Return to School Declaration Form

All our parents must complete a Return to School Declaration Form following student's absence from school following school holidays.

Respect control measures in place

- hand hygiene – there are hand sanitisers at the entrance to our school, at the entrance to all classes and in every classroom and in strategic places around our school. Please use these
- respiratory hygiene – coughing into the inside of your elbow
- physical distancing within the classroom
- physical distancing outside the classroom and within the school – during breaks, students must remain 2 metres apart
- the use of face masks at all times.
- All rooms are well ventilated

We remind parents if a student has been out of the country that they should not attend school until 14 days has passed.

Masks must be worn correctly at all times (no snoods). Please ensure that the mask is the appropriate size to cover both nose and mouth and is not loose. Snoods are not acceptable. If your son/daughter arrives in school without any of these items, they will be sent home.

Please make sure your son/daughter arrives, wearing a face mask, at the Main Gate at 8.50am. Once in the school, please emphasise to your son/daughter to go directly to their designated room.

Food will continue to be delivered to all our students during breaktimes in their designated rooms. Hot food is available every day for all students during the big break (1.15pm – 1.45pm) Students are to remain sitting at their desk while eating and not to walk around the room with face masks down.

Full school uniform must be worn every day.

Our focus on Monday is on welcoming our students back to school and getting them back into safe and responsible routines.

Access to the school by a parent/ guardian can only be made by prior arrangement. You must ring the school to organise any essential meetings.

Your support in getting them ready for school is very important. We really appreciate your continued support in monitoring your son's / daughter's progress and co-operation since the start of this school year and in our final term.

Our priority is keeping our school open until the end of this term and ensuring that our students continue to learn in a safe environment.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Golden

Principal

Kathleen Daly

Deputy Principal