

### Return to School Dates and Covid-19 Updates- Revised Schedule

Dear parents and students,

The schedule of return to school for staff and students **has been revised** and is detailed below. This plan will continue to be reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis and we will keep you updated of the relevant changes.

Date	Details	Time
Friday August 28th	School re-opens for teachers only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff meetings and training</li> </ul>	9.00 – 15.50
Monday August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Staff meetings and training continued	9.00 – 15.50
Tuesday September 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> year induction – Session 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Ash and 1 Beech (9.00 – 10.45)</li> <li>1 Elm and 1 Laurel (11.15 – 13.00)</li> <li>1 Oak and 1 Pine (13.45 – 3.30)</li> <li>No Meitheal Leaders on this day</li> <li><b>No Buses on this day</b></li> </ul> Staff meetings and training continued	9.00 – 15.50
Wednesday September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> year induction – Session 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All base classes</li> <li>Meitheal Leaders required on this day</li> <li><b>Buses will run on this day</b></li> </ul> Staff meetings and training continued	9.00 – 13.20
Thursday September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> year and 6 <sup>th</sup> year students in school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classes begin for 1<sup>st</sup> years</li> <li>Induction for 6<sup>th</sup> year students</li> </ul>	9.00 – 15.50
Friday September 4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> year and 6 <sup>th</sup> year students only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No school for 1<sup>st</sup> year students</li> <li>Classes begin for 6<sup>th</sup> years</li> <li>Induction for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students</li> </ul>	9.00 – 15.50
Monday September 7 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> year students in school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal timetabled classes continue for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students</li> <li>Induction for 5<sup>th</sup> year students</li> </ul>	9.00 – 15.50
Tuesday September 8 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> year students in school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal timetabled classes continue for 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students</li> <li>No school for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students</li> <li>Induction for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students</li> </ul>	9.00 – 15.50
Wednesday September 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , TY and 6 <sup>th</sup> year students in school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal timetabled classes continue for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students</li> <li>No school for 5<sup>th</sup> year students</li> <li>Induction for TY students</li> </ul>	9.00 – 13.20

### School Covid-19 Response Plan – Latest Updates

Further to the most recent information published on the app, the following details have been updated:

- The Covid-19 School Response Plan has been drafted and will be uploaded on the school app for your attention. This aims to support the safe reopening and management of our school for the academic year 2020/2021. The assistance and cooperation of all staff, students, parents and visitors is critical to the success of this plan in enabling our reopening and return to school.
- Covid Response Working Team (CRWT) continues to meet and manage our practices and preparations for reopening.
- A School Covid Response Policy will be available on our app and website.
- Internal and external one-way system throughout the school has been finalised and signage will be installed.
- Classrooms have been prepared for reopening.
- A staggered timetable for break and lunch times has been decided.
- Development of an external walk way and extra space for break and lunch time is underway.
- Induction training for all students and staff has begun.
- Cleaning and sanitising of all buildings and rooms commenced on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> and continues.
- Upgrade of hot water supply continues.
- Protocols and procedures for those who feel unwell before, during or after school are detailed in the Response Plan.
- For suspected cases, we will require the immediate collection of that person from school. All families must provide the school office with details of a nominated person to collect their son/daughter, whereby the contacts we already have may not be available. The details of this person will be included on the Return to School form.
- Parents and students will be sent a health and travel update questionnaire in the week before we return to school. This will be sent via the school app and **must be completed prior to returning to school**. It is essential that all staff or students who have been abroad in 'non-green list countries' should not return to school until 14 days after arriving back in Ireland.
- To ensure the health and safety of all students and school personnel, a supplementary section to the **Code of Behaviour**, specific to Covid-19, will also be forwarded to parents and students to read, sign and return before school resumes in the coming days.

### Other updates:

- Students and staff must wear an appropriate face mask where 2m distance cannot be maintained. These must be worn at all times in the corridors regardless of distance. We ask again that each student has a small supply (3-5) of washable, appropriate face masks, which should be washed on a daily basis.
- Students must have a small supply of hand sanitiser and a pack of disposable disinfectant wipes in school each day. When students arrive into a room, they must sanitise their hands and wipe the surface of their table and chair. Students will sit in the same allocated seat each day in each room, unless directed otherwise. Gathering or loitering inside the school building is not permitted. Students must be seated while in classrooms at all times.
- **Arriving to school:** Students arriving to school on buses to proceed to designated area and base class room by 8.40am. Students arriving by car or those walking to school to arrive, where possible, between 8.30 and 8.45 am and proceed directly to base class room.
- **Leaving School:** Students who live locally or who do not wait for a bus must leave the school grounds at 3.50 pm. Students who are waiting for a bus must do so in a designated area and follow the instructions of school personnel on supervision.
- **Access to School Building:** Access to school for those other than staff and students will be **by appointment only**. This includes dropping off items for students or office enquiries. Under no circumstances should a parent/guardian or visitor arrive on the school premises without prior arrangement. Please always adhere to instructions of admin. staff. Visits to the school should be for essential reasons only. It is essential that all students arrive to school fully prepared and equipped for each day.
- **Lockers:** To avoid large numbers of students congregating on corridors there will be no access to lockers from August 31<sup>st</sup> – this will be reviewed in September. Arrangements to empty lockers will take place as part of induction for students.
- **P.E.:** On the day that a student has P.E. they must wear P.E. gear to school for the full day. There will be no access to changing rooms before or after P.E. Full uniform (including black shoes) must be worn on all other days.