

## **Return to School**

19 August 2020

Re: Re-opening of St. Augustine's College

Dear Parents / Guardians and Students,

As the country reopens in line with the government Road Map we at St. Augustine's College would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience over the last number of months.

Ahead of the school reopening in August/September, you will see below some of the measures we have taken to safeguard students in the coming months:

- Hand sanitiser dispensers & wipes have been installed throughout the school and in all classrooms;
- Cleaning schedules will be increased and all common touch points will be cleaned multiple times per day;
- Robust procedures are now in place to respond to a suspected case of Covid-19; see Covid 19 response
  plan on school website, <a href="http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19">http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19</a>
- We have displayed HSE guidelines and Covid-19 Safety Signage throughout the school (classrooms, toilet blocks, common areas etc.) to educate students on how to 'Stop the Spread' of Covid-19;
- We have installed markings on the floor at various locations to remind everyone about keeping their distance from others;
- We have introduced a new one way system throughout the school which will be clearly explained to student on their return. A map of same will be available on <a href="http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19">http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19</a>
- In line with current Government guidelines all students will be required to wear face coverings. (All students will be given a face shield and a face mask on return to school) Please refer to the Addendum to St. Augustine's College Code of Behaviour <a href="http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19">http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19</a>
- There will be no canteen service in the school for at least two weeks. Students will need to bring their own packed lunch, drinks and water to school each day
- Lockers will not be available for use until further notice. Systems will be put in place to minimise the amount of books that students will have to carry on a daily basis.
- · Students must wear their full school uniform daily.

I would also ask that you review the attached "Student Return to School Safely Induction Form" which all students will need to read and sign and return on first day back. <a href="http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19">http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19</a>.

This document along with Covid Response Plan and the Addendum to St. Augustine's College Code of Behaviour provides more detail on the measures that students and their parent / guardian will need to take account of on their return.

As it become available all relevant return to school documentation will be found on <a href="http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19">http://www.staugustines.ie/covid-19</a>

We look forward to welcoming you back.

Kind regards

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