



23/08/2021

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I would like to welcome all our first year students to St. Augustine's College.

Could all parents/guardians please ensure that you read the information below with your son/daughter before they return to school.

**1st year students start school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of August at 9am and will finish at 1.15pm.**

**Classes on Friday will also finish at 1.15pm.**

**\*\*Note**

1. In line with HSE and Dept of Education Guidelines all student are required to wear a mask in school.
2. Drop of point for student is by the bus shelter outside the school grounds. Please do not drive on to school grounds.
3. There is no need to carry books initially.
4. Please bring some copy books and stationary plus a snack for break.
5. 1st year parents/guardians will not have access to Eportal until mid-September. 1st year students will be issued a printed timetable plus school student diary on day 1 of school. Parents/guardians of incoming 1st year students will be issued Eportal login details by mid-September. To help students settle into secondary school, and to promote student wellbeing all first year students will be assigned a teacher mentor.

Ahead of returning to school it is very important that all students submit the **[return to school declaration form](#)**.

This is available on the school app from which you will receive notifications over next few days. However, we would request that in order to speed up registration on Thursday morning, that if possible you would also print off a paper version from link below.

***Please print it off and complete and bring it with you on the first day of school.***

**[https://www.staugustines.ie/images/Return\\_to\\_Educational\\_Facility\\_declaration\\_form.pdf](https://www.staugustines.ie/images/Return_to_Educational_Facility_declaration_form.pdf)**

### **Mobile Phones.**



Mobile phones are **not** permitted. The school policy on this has not changed. However due to Covid-19, the **classroom teacher may permit the use of a mobile phone if they wish purely for educational purposes** and strictly under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Outside of class and at break times etc the use of mobile phones is strictly NOT permitted. Ensure your child is aware that mobile phones are not to be used inappropriately in school. This includes pictures, videos, Snapchat, TikToc,WhatsApp, Instagram,videos etc of other students and/or staff. Helpful guidance and tips for parents/guardians can be found on the webwise website <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/explained-managing-the-risks-of-mobile-phones/>. Please be aware that a mobile phone breach is a breach of the school code of conduct and potentially child protection guidelines.

Please familiarise yourself with the school code of conduct, the covid-19 addendum to the code of conduct and all other school policies. <https://www.staugustines.ie/about-us/school-policies>. [https://www.staugustines.ie/images/addendum to Code of Behavior covid 19.pdf](https://www.staugustines.ie/images/addendum%20to%20Code%20of%20Behavior%20covid%2019.pdf)

### **Students signing in/out.**

Students signing in and signing out during the school day must do so with a deputy principal/principal so it can be monitored. Parents/guardians can also inform school management and the relevant yearhead of absence on the school app.

### **School Uniform.**

Students not presenting in full uniform will be sent to the deputy principal/ principal at/before the 9am class.

Please find attached documents and links in relation to the return to school from Dept of Education.

1. Video advice for parents and students at different levels

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>

2. Posters/graphics advice for parents

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>

3. Multilingual advice for parents

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0cf46-resources-and-materials-for-parentsguardians-and-for-students-on-returning-to-school-multi-lingual/>

4. Communications to Parents regarding School Transport – SEN and Post Primary <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/64a88-school-transport/>

Parents/Guardians, to ensure you are receiving up to-date information from the school throughout the year, I would ask all parents/guardians to check your email for correspondence from the school and also to check junk mail. Please check the School App regularly and ensure notifications are switched on.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at 058/41140 or email [office@staugustines.ie](mailto:office@staugustines.ie).

I wish all the friary students the very best for the coming academic year.

Kind regards,  
Michael O'Sullivan