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## **Very important- Please read fully**

Dear Parents /Guardians/Students

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> we will welcome all students back to school. To do so in a safe manner for all we must ensure full compliance with Covid guidelines issued by the HSE and the Dept of Education.

A positive Covid test for anyone in the school will result in 20 to 25 close contacts being put into self-isolation. Imagine the effect of three or four positive cases. Please discuss with your child the importance of following the guidelines.

- Everyone must have a completed return to school/work form submitted prior to opening so that they can return to school \* **further instructions on 1<sup>st</sup> morning return will issue shortly\***
- Everyone must wear a face mask correctly when indoors at all times.
- At break and lunch times only **four students** are allowed on **external benches** at all times, sitting at opposite ends.
- Students must use same pods as issued before Christmas
- Students must not congregate in areas between classes
- The time-table is to be strictly followed; this is to ensure the Health & Safety for all.
- The playing of any games/sport activities is not allowed during break or lunch times.
- The one-way system is to be followed at all times.
- The canteen will not be open initially so please ensure that you bring what you need for break and lunch.
- Social distancing and hand hygiene guidelines must be adhered to at all times both inside and outside the building.

We expect everyone to follow these revised guidelines for everyone's safety. Any blatant disregarding of these revised guidelines cannot be tolerated due to the seriousness of the effect of a positive case on the school. The following sanctions will be imposed for breach of rules.

Covid Regulation Breach	Details of breach	Action Required
Level 1	Student not wearing mask correctly - first offence	Logged on eportal by teacher
	Student not obeying one-way-system - first offence	Logged on eportal by teacher
	Students congregating in bathrooms between classes - first offence	Logged on eportal by teacher
	Students not practising social distancing at break times, i.e. more than 4 students at a bench, moving tables/chairs closer together at break times - first offence	Logged on eportal by teacher
Level 2	Student not wearing mask correctly - second offence	Suspension
	Student not obeying the one-way-system - second offence	Suspension
	Students congregating in bathrooms between classes - second offence	Suspension
	Students not practising social distancing at break times, i.e. more than 4 students at a bench, moving tables/chairs closer together at break times - second offence	Suspension
	Student refusing to wear mask correctly	Suspension
	Students playing football/hurling etc at break times or at any time during the school day	Suspension
	Student refusing to turn around when asked to on one way system OR student arguing with teacher about following one-way-system	Suspension
	Student occupying a car/vehicle which is not their own or belonging to a sibling	Suspension
	Students congregating at cars or outside areas during class times	Suspension

Please note that the return to school form will be available on the school APP and **must be filled out for all students (by Parent/Guardian) and teachers prior to the return to school.**

The link to the Form is

[/az/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/educationguidance/Return to Educational Facility Declaration Form.doc](#) if you do not have the app.

**\*\*\*\*The return to school/work form must be completed by everyone within 48hrs prior to return to school .This must be completed even if already signed for a previous return eg 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students.\*\*\*\***

**The window to sign on the app will be from 9am on Sat10th of April until 6pm on Sun11th of April (ie 48 hours before return to school)**

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Kind regards

Michael O' Sullivan



