

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope all is well with you and your family and you are having an enjoyable summer after a very unusual and challenging end to the last academic year. Unfortunately, things have not changed massively since June and what we are facing into in September and beyond will again present another set of challenges for everyone involved in education. We have been working hard to ensure that our school is prepared for the return of all our students in September. The year ahead will see some changes in our school day but all of the planning is based around getting our students back to school full time to continue their education in as normal (as possible), safe and productive way. We must obviously work within the requirements and limitations as set out by the Department of Education and the HSE and I am sending you the link for the road map for returning to schools as laid out by the Department so you are aware of what the advice is.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b264b-roadmap-for-the-full-return-to-school/>

Tuesday 1st September

Staff Covid Training Day

TY in to sort Work Experience in afternoon

Wednesday 2nd September

Staff Planning Day - Staff Only

Thursday. 3rd September

1st Year Induction Day all day

Friday 4th September

1st & 2nd & 6th- class all day

Monday 7th September

3rd, 5th and 6th year class all day

Tuesday - 8th September

3rd, TY, 5th, 6th class all day

Wednesday - 9th September

All classes back

As we move through the planning, we will advise you of more of the details on how the school will operate on a day to day basis closer to September but it is important to remember that in the current environment everything is subject to change.

There is no doubt that there will be challenges ahead but I am confident that with the ongoing support and cooperation of all in our school community, we can meet these challenges and have our students return to continue their education in a safe, slightly modified way.

In the mean time, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact the school.

Kind regards

John Hegarty