

Return to school

August 26, 2021.

Dear Parents & Guardians

I look forward to welcoming your daughter back to school next week.

The return to school for all students is planned to ensure that each year group is welcomed and well supported as we begin another academic year. The following are the dates for return

Return of students

- **Monday 30th August 2021** - School opens for **1st yr. students only 9a.m. -12 noon**
(Note TY mentors will be in school on Monday, 30th August 10:30 am – 12:30 p.m. to assist 1st year students) -
- **Tuesday 31st August 2021** **1st Yr. & 6th Yr-**
- **Wednesday 1st September 2021** **1st Yr., 3rd, & 6th Yr –**
- **Thursday 2nd September 2021** **1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th Yr**
- **Friday 3rd September 2021** **All students -**

Assemblies

Assemblies will be held with all year groups on their first day back. At the Assembly Year heads will outline important information and key dates for each year group as well as COVID 19 guidelines and health and safety protocols and school routines. Students will also identify areas of focus for their studies this year and they will receive their timetables and school Journal from their Year head. A prayer service for each class will also be facilitated where students will be supported to reflect on their goals for the year ahead, the support and friendship they provide for one another and their own spiritual development.

Health, Safety & Welfare

We aim to ensure that in-school education will be sustained this year. In this regard, it is important that all members of the school community are vigilant and vigorous in maintaining COVID 19 Health & Safety Protocols. I request that all parents/guardians and students take time to review the key information on protocols already posted here in advance of school opening.

The school building has undergone a deep clean and all rooms are correctly set out to comply with guidelines. Windows will be open for ventilation, and we expect to receive some CO2 monitors from the Department of Education in the coming days.

We are constantly guided by Department of Education and Skills advice in relation to COVID -19 and will continue to keep you updated as information is received.

Students with medical conditions and Special Education Needs

Parents of students with medical conditions are asked to contact the school office and advise of medications and needs in advance of the return to school.

Ms Dowd(SENCO) is available to meet with parents/guardians of students with additional needs to ensure a smooth transition back to school. You are welcome to arrange a meeting with Ms Dowd by contacting the school office.

Junior Curriculum and Assessment Arrangements 2021/2022

The Department of Education has issued a key document with regard to curriculum and assessment in respect of Junior Cycle to include:

- Revised dates for the submission of coursework
- New assessment arrangements for in Junior Cycle subjects being examined for the first time in 2022

The information can be found here

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7f42a-assessment-arrangements-for-junior-and-leaving-certificate-2022/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in relation to the return to school.

I look forward to welcoming back all our students next week as we begin a new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Katherina Broderick,
Principal.