

Dear Parent/Carer,

Senior Phase (S4-6) Return to School

As you will be aware the First minister confirmed on Tuesday that Senior Phase pupils will return to school from Monday 22nd February for the sole purpose of completing practical elements of courses that cannot be delivered remotely. The numbers allowed in school are limited, and pupils are required to observe strict 2m distancing and wear a face covering whilst on transport and in the building.

The time required in school for each pupil will depend on: how many subjects they are undertaking which contain a practical element; the time required to complete this element; and the number of pupils who can be in the classroom whilst observing 2m distancing. Therefore, the time in school will be unique for each individual pupil.

Time in school is divided into 2 sessions:

Session 1 0830-1100. Pupils who use school transport to travel to school should do so. If they can walk home or arrange a lift then they should do so. Any pupil who cannot arrange transport will be reimbursed the cost of their service bus and should keep their ticket/receipt and take it to the school office the next time they are in school.

Session 2 1115-1525. If they can walk to school or arrange a lift then they should do so. Any pupil who cannot arrange transport will be reimbursed the cost of their service bus and should keep their ticket/receipt and take it to the school office the next time they are in school. Pupils who use school transport to travel home should do so.

Pupils who are in school undertaking practical activities should make sure that they keep up with any work missed for other subjects on Teams.

Pupils will be contacted by their class teacher on teams to tell them when they should attend school for their subject. A groupcall will also be sent to parents/carers alerting them to the times that Senior Phase pupils should come to school. Full school uniform is required.

Remote learning will continue via Teams for all subjects and pupils should continue to engage with this.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you will be aware Lateral Flow Tests will be available to pupils and staff who are returning to

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school. Documents have been attached which contain information about Lateral Flow Testing. These are also available on the school website. Once the consent form has been completed pupils can pick up their tests at the main office. Testing does not replace the need for face coverings and social distancing and is an additional measure. If a pupil has symptoms of Covid-19 they should not use a Lateral Flow Test, but should book a test at a testing centre as normal. Whilst lateral flow testing is voluntary, we would strongly encourage all young people who will be attending school to participate in this programme as this will contribute to keeping the community safe.

As always, we will keep you informed as things develop.

Yours faithfully,

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