



Coláiste Chúlainn

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5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope all is well with you and your family circle. These are exceptional and unprecedented times for all students, parents and staff. It is vitally important that we all approach this return to school with a collective, positive and consistent approach. A sense of calm, of safety, of hope, of belonging and connectedness to our school community and above all a collective sense of pragmatism and common sense will ensure an efficient return to class for all.

The government released last week a roadmap for a full return to school. We are using these guidelines to prepare for the new term. This is the first update, more detailed communications will follow in the coming weeks. We will continue to keep you informed via letters, text messages and the school website. Preparation work is on-going and we will continue to ensure we do everything that is possible to minimise the risk posed by COVID -19.

To date we can inform you of the following:

- We have a new, modern and well ventilated building. All classrooms are at least 49m<sup>2</sup> which will ensure physical distancing.
- The timetable, base classes and curriculum have been re-designed to ensure the vast majority of classes will have 24 students and we have additional larger classrooms at our disposal.
- We have wide corridors (2.5m) with a traffic flow system which facilitates physical distancing at all times.
- We have employed an additional cleaner and the school is being deep cleaned.
- All classrooms are laid out following the physical distancing guidelines issued by the government.
- All classroom doors will remain open at all times.
- New foot pump hand sanitiser stations have been delivered to school. All classrooms have hand sanitiser and students will sanitise their hands at the end of each lesson.
- All bathrooms have hot water, soap and paper towels.
- All staff have completed an infection control course and a risk management course.
- New break and lunch time routines will ensure physical distancing and will be communicated at a later date.
- We have employed 12 new teaching staff and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their appointments and I am sure you will join us in welcoming them.

The new term will start as detailed below:

Date	Time	Year Groups
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	8.45am to 12pm	<b>First Year Students only:</b> Induction with Year Head, Form Tutors, Senior Student Prefects and Student Ambassadors.

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Date	Time	Year Groups
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	12.45pm to 4pm	<b>Fifth Year Students only:</b> Induction with Year Head and Form Tutors.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	8.45am to 12pm	<b>Sixth Year Students only:</b> Induction with Year Head, Form Tutors and Guidance Counsellors.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	12.45pm to 4pm	<b>Third Year Students only:</b> Induction with Year Head and Form Tutors.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	8.45am to 12pm	<b>Second Year Students only:</b> Induction with Year Head and Form Tutors.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	12.45pm to 4pm	<b>Transition Year Students only:</b> Induction with Programme Co-ordinator and Form Tutors.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	8.45am	<b>All students return to school, full timetable to run.</b>

All students will **receive a full and detailed briefing on the measures to follow to minimize the COVID 19 risk** and receive their journals and timetables. **It is imperative that students arrive on time for their induction and every morning thereafter.**

**We now ask parents and students to get fully prepared for their return to school.** Please prepare uniforms, copy books, school bags and all other necessary stationary. **Details of the required equipment is now up on our school website in the parent information section. Please remember direct contributions must be paid via Way2pay.** Further details regarding the return to school will be communicated to parents via text message and the school website.

As a school staff we are very excited about welcoming back our wonderful students to school. It's been a long five and a half months! The building has felt empty and lifeless without the students. We look forward to welcoming them and please rest assured we will continue to do all we can to support the students, parents and staff as they return back to school.

In anticipation of your full support.

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Principal



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