

Coláiste Rís

Information on the return to school for Parents/ Guardians



2020/2021



Changes to School Layout

New Classrooms and Procedures:

- School will open at 8am each morning
- Two new classrooms in the study hall
- One new Classroom in the canteen
- One new Classroom in the church (unfortunately).
- Student based classrooms for 2020/2021.
- One-way system. Floor markings used to identify one way system Entry only and exit only areas. Some stairs are two way.
- Removal of all lockers from the ground floor and in other areas to maximise distancing.
- Entry only and exit only areas. Some stairs are two way.
- 2m distance markings throughout the school

New Entry & Exit Routes for each Year Group:

- **Main entrance off Yorke st. for 1st & 2nd years.**
- **York street arch entrance for 3rd years.**
- **Pedestrian entrance in monastery garden for 6th years.**
- **Wrightsons lane from chapel street for 5th years.**
- **Top entrance off Clanbrassil street for TY's.**

Classroom layout

- All classroom layout reconfigured to allow 1m distancing between students and 2m between teachers and students.
- live streaming within the school will be accommodated where there are large classes.
- Wipes in all rooms for students to wipe down their area on entry. Peddle bin in each room to dispose of wipes.
- Spray (with cleaning and disinfecting property) and cloth in each room to clean down work area on entry and exit by the teacher.

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Visits to school by parents & others (School contact log)

- Visits are by appointment only and all must adhere to correct safety measures. The school is a closed community.
- Contact log forms are completed by all visitors to the school.
- The meeting point for all prearranged visits is outside the main office.
- A detailed sign-in/sign-out form is available there.
- Contact log for students is the roll call am/pm on the eportal system.
- All teachers keep a log of attendance of each class in their school diaries.



Control measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19

- Hand sanitiser units placed at all entrance/exit points and outside all classroom doors regularly checked and refilled.
- Hot water installed in all bathrooms with soap and paper towels for drying hands regularly checked and refilled.
- Peddle bins for disposal of all paper towels. Bins emptied once a day or more if necessary.
- Two sensory drinking water-filling machines installed. One on the top and one on the bottom corridor.
- Two wash hand basins on top corridor. Two more wash hand basins on the bottom corridor and on first floor of Monastery.
- Hand washing facilities available in specialist rooms.(Home Economics/Wood Tech/ Art)

Face Masks

- Facemasks are a requirement for all Teachers/Staff & Students where 2m distancing cannot be maintained
- **All students must wear facemasks in school and should have their own reusable/ washable masks.**
- Students should carry unused masks in a sealable clean waterproof bag, a ziplock. Carry a second similar type bag, to put used face masks in.



Student appointments:

Signing-in/out using the school App, Diary signing.

- All parents requested to use the school app for signing in and out. These must appear on the app before 9am to facilitate approving by the office/Principal/Deputy Principal.
- Students are recorded in the signing-in/out book at the school office window on entry/exit.
- Parents are requested to wait for students in their car or outside the school gate and to not to come into the school. This is to accommodate the school as a closed community.
- There will be No signing of diaries for appointments.
- A drop-off point for forgotten items will be arranged for Parents (only for very essential items). Items must be clearly labelled with the students name and class. Office staff will call the student.



Changes to Timetable:

One hour timetable layout/ Staggered Break time and Lunchtime arrangements

- Student based classrooms to minimise movement.
- One hour class timetable to minimise movement.
- Morning break staggered across the 9.45 break and the 11am class. Two, year groups at a time to minimise interaction. There will therefore be three small morning breaks.
- We will have two lunch breaks staggered. Senior from 12-12.45pm Junior from 1-1.45pm.
- Arrangements are as follows: At senior lunch (on a dry day) students will move to the canteen (1m queueing system) using the one way system. 6th year move to the front yard/TY & 5th Year to back yard divided.
- On wet/cold days students will move to the canteen (1m queueing system) using one way system return and eat their lunch in their classrooms.
- At junior lunch (on a dry day) students will move to the canteen (1m queueing system) using the one way system. 3rd years move to the front yard/ 1st & 2nd years to backyard divided. On wet/cold days students will move to the canteen (1m queueing system) using the one way system return and eat their lunch in their classrooms



Dropping and collecting Students

- Parents are asked to drop and collect their children a distance away from the school gates to support social distancing

Use of the Lift

- Only to be used **with the assistance of an SNA** and only essential circumstances. Wiping down of hand-rails etc. is essential after each use.



Isolation area

An Isolation area is available in the event that a suspected case of covid -19 occurs.

Increased Cleaning

Increased cleaning and sanitising regimes have been put in place throughout the day and after school.

School App

Please visit our school App (Please download the School App at you App store if you have not already done so) and see posters /videos on the following

- When to wash your hands at school.
- Sneeze and cough etiquette.
- How to use face coverings.
- Guidance from NEHET on return to school (Videos)



Know the symptoms of Covid-19.

What to do?

- In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 it is important to know and recognise the symptoms. They are:
- High temperature
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- Loss of smell, of taste or distortion of taste.
- **If your child is unwell do not send them to school and contact your G.P**



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