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HOSPITAL
SCHOOL

HM Form 5 return to school update 8-1-21

Dear Parent and Guardian

We received official confirmation from the Department of Education today that Form 5 can return to in-school learning on Monday, March 15th, 2021. The planning for this is well underway and we have been able to refine our protocols after observing the Form 6 classes, who have been back in school for one week already.

In an extract from the Department email, it states 'Public health has reviewed the measures put in place to ensure safe operation of schools and is satisfied that these infection prevention and control measures, if rigorously adhered to, will keep the school community safe during this period. They emphasise that all measures must be followed carefully by students, staff and parents.'

Level 5 restrictions are still in place and students should not be in close contact with anyone outside of their bubble until these restrictions are lifted. After spending almost 10 weeks at home with limited or no interactions, students are reminded of the following Covid-19 protocols that are in place:

- Students must wear their masks at all times in school. Food and beverage consumption can only take place in the designated spaces, and for a limited time to enable mask removal.
- Students will be unable to physically greet each other and social distancing must be observed in every space.
- Students should use the hand sanitisers throughout the school, frequently.
- Students are asked to listen and adhere to all instructions from staff, without exception.
- Any student who does not adhere to mask-wearing or social distancing after being warned by a staff member will be asked to return home, as they are posing a risk to students and staff.

There will understandably be anxiety experienced by some members of the school community, on returning to school during these level 5 restrictions, but equally an excitement to see everyone again in person. If we all work together to stay vigilant, both inside and beyond the school gates, we can look forward to a summer term when we can welcome all students back.

We will be in contact again on Thursday with more operational detail on the return to in-school learning, as well as a Covid-19 return to school form, which will need to be submitted back to us by Friday lunchtime.

Yours

Mark Ronan

Headmaster / Principal