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## Form 1 Parents Email 14-05-20

Any Email responses to [khadmissions@thekinghospital.ie](mailto:khadmissions@thekinghospital.ie)

Dear Parent and Guardian

I hope that this email finds you and your families safe and well during this pandemic. Many of you who are sending a child to secondary school for the first time will have questions about preparing your child to enter Form 1, and may also be wondering what a return to school will look like if restrictions remain in place.

As we pass through the 5 stages in the [Government's plan to reopen society](#), we are planning for the new term to begin on our scheduled date of August 31st. However, we will also have contingencies in place, if required, to meet DES & HSE directives that puts the health and safety of our students and staff first. Some of these directives will only become apparent as we go through the summer months, so please check your email for important updates. Enhanced hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be crucial, in addition to setting physical boundaries. This will be introduced in a child-centric way.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Scholarship Exam and the Parent Information Evening this term, both occasions where you and your children begin to get to know each other and familiarise yourself with secondary school-life. We aim to provide that information in June, in an A-Z information booklet, and facilitate the filling out of forms online. We also plan to host a virtual meeting in June/July, perhaps in smaller groups, to facilitate Q&A, after you receive your emailed information pack, provided you are not all Zoomed out by then! Please click [here](#) for the Key Dates and Mailings schedule for the summer and start of term.

Due to the missed opportunities to get to know each other before the summer, we are going to send an online form next week through **Survey Monkey** asking you for; your name, child's name, preferred contact email, and town. If you are happy to provide this, we will email the collated list to all of you to use, if you wish, to email parents in your area. There will also be an opportunity, in the survey, to pose any immediate questions or concerns you may have, and Michelle Foley or I will respond by email.

With the disappointment and anxiety experienced by the children missing out on the last few months of primary school, our staff wish to reassure you all that the focus over the summer months should be to enjoy the easing of restrictions, whilst remaining safe, and not to worry about preparing for secondary school. There will be plenty of time to catch up when school starts.

Yours sincerely

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