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New Academic Year 2020/21 – FAQs – 22-5-20

Subject Line: Form 1 Start of School FAQ's

Dear Parents and Guardians

As mentioned in our email last week we are sending a Survey Monkey contact form to you today to complete if you wish to be contacted by other parents, in advance of school starting. It also gives you the opportunity to ask any questions that have not been answered in the FAQ linked below, so we can collate them. Please check your spam if you do not receive it and we can resend the link if necessary.

As parents of new secondary school students, it is understandable that you have many questions about health and safety for the new school year. Amidst this uncertainty and anxiety, our primary objective is to ensure a safe place for our students to learn and our colleagues to work.

The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected. We have created a [FAQ sheet linked here](#), that we hope will address some of your concerns.

It was heartening to begin Phase 1 of the Government's Plan to Reopen Society on May 18th, and we remain optimistic that Ireland continues on this positive path with Phases 2-5 activated as planned.

Please be assured that we will provide updates to you at each Phase in addition to any information we receive that might affect the reopening of the school campus to students, as soon as it is made available.

Our Career Guidance Leader, Susan Tanner, suggested an Online School Transition Workshop she came across, specifically for parents of 6th Class children at <https://nextstepforward.ie/>. Author and Child Psychologist David Coleman who did a presentation for us on 'Easing the transition to secondary school' in Ballina in February has a live Facebook Q&A every Thursday evening at 8pm, where you can post questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Foley in the Admissions Department by email at KHAdmissions@thekingshospital.ie who can redirect your query as required, or call me on the mobile number below.

Yours

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