



HOLY FAMILY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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17th August 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

We wish to update you all on our preparations for the reopening of the school. A huge amount of work is underway planning and preparing alterations to our facilities in order to minimise the risk of the spread of the virus.

We are creating classrooms in areas such as the Front Hall and reconfiguring some classrooms, in so far as is practicable, to allow for recommended distancing during class. All classrooms will operate with strict ppe controls.

It will be mandatory for our students to wear a mask, as per Government guidelines. These and other measures are necessary to facilitate a full or partial return for all students. We will still be able to facilitate a canteen service and limited access to students' lockers. We will bring you greater clarity on these and other precautions before the end of the month. Please read the accompanying document on 'Return to School Questions and Answers' that we hope will answer many of your current questions.

A key aspect of our planning is the safe circulation of students in and around the school. Students and staff will have to follow strict procedures in order to safeguard everyone's wellbeing. As part of this preparation we are bringing back each year group in a slightly longer sequence than before. See return to dates schedule below. This schedule is subject to further revision in light of emerging HSE advice regarding the virus.

Keep an eye on the school website and social media for the latest return dates. It will take time before we know we can manage with the full cohort of students. This is a huge task. Teachers will work on revising the curriculum and assessment methods following guidance that is expected from the Department of Education and Skills. There will also be modifications to the Code of Behaviour. These and many more matters are under consideration. We appreciate your patience.

May we remind you again to complete the payment of school charges through the school Easypayments system and ensure that the office has your latest contact details. Sincere thanks you to all who have done so already. The school Finance office is open from 9.00 to 4pm Wed-Friday. Enquiries may be sent to the following email address finance@holyfamily.ie

In the meantime, take great care.

Sarah Allen
Principal

Katherine Aherne
Deputy Principal

Katherine Kissane
Deputy Principal

Holy Family Secondary School: SCHOOL REOPENING 2020

(revised August 17th , 2020)

The proposed dates of the return to school for 2020/2021 school year

(all subject to change due to health advice)

- Thursday 27th August STAFF MEETINGS (Covid Awareness, Training and Planning)
Class of 2020 Graduation
- Friday 28th August STAFF MEETING (Curriculum and general planning)
- Monday 31st August 11am-1pm First Years Induction only
- Tuesday 1st Sept 11am-1pm 1st years again and 6th years only
- Wednesday 2nd Sept 2nd years and 3rd years only
- Thursday 3rd Sept 4th years (TY) and 5th Years only
- Friday 4th Sept 8.45 am- 3.40pm ALL years in- full school day.
- Monday 7th Sept 8.45 am- 4.00 pm ALL years in- full school day (incl Tutor time)

Leaving Certificate Results Day