



11th March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We sincerely hope that you and your families are safe and well. In line with public health advice and following the current guidelines from the Department of Education and Skills we are finalising our plans to welcome the return of our 5th year students to Scoil Dara on Monday March 15th.

We commend all our students, for the great effort applied once again on the online platform and we look forward to further supporting them inhouse, in the classroom and within the school building. Just like last August, the safe and sustained re-opening of our school now, is a real community effort, with every one of us having an equal role to play in ensuring we are doing all we can to comply with the safeguarding measures put in place to keep each of us safe and well. We ask that all students and parents familiarise themselves with our Covid-19 Response Plan which is available to read on our school website and that you are aware of the protocols to follow should a student or their family members become unwell with COVID-19 like symptoms during school term.

We understand that our 5th year students will be seeking advice and guidance in relation to their return to school so therefore we ask that all 5th year students comply with the following on their return on March 15th.

- During this stage of phased re-opening all 5th year students are assigned a new outdoor area for morning and breaktimes.
- 5th year students will use the basketball courts and the space to the right of the new building (around the 3rd year social area prefab)
- All classes for 5th years will be held in the new building (except for some optional subjects that will be held in practical rooms in the older building)
- Entry to the new building is through the doorway at G8 only (beside Ms. O' Loughlin's Home Economics Room at the rear of the building.)
- On students' return to school next Monday 15th March, they are required to gather in their base classes at 9am in the following rooms for a brief induction on our Covid Response Plan and the procedures and practices in place for the safe return to the school building.
 - LCA1 - F11
 - 5A – Mr. Feeley - F3
 - 5B – Ms. O' Sullivan -G1
 - 5C –Ms. Brophy - F1
 - 5D – Mr. Colgan - G5
 - 5E –Ms. Dowling - F10
 - 5F – Ms. Payne – G6

This induction will also give time to ask any questions that students may have for now. Please note that students and parents are required to complete the "Return to Educational Facility" form and submit it before returning to Scoil Dara on Monday 15th March. Information on return to school and this form was shared with students on TEAMS. We look forward to welcoming back our 5th year students to the school building and continuing to support them as they progress through this academic year.

Kind Regards,

David Mc Cormack