



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. The last few months have been challenging for us all and I am writing to you now with information regarding the changes that will take effect upon our return after the midterm break.

The Government has accepted the recommendations of NPHEH to remove remaining restrictions relating to mask-wearing and physical distancing in schools. In line with this decision, Scoil Dara will begin making preparations to resume normal school routines and normal teaching and learning activities that were confined due to the restrictions upon our return.

With effect from Monday 28th of February, it is no longer a requirement for staff or students to wear a mask in school. Staff and students can continue to wear a mask if they wish to do so. The school will still continue to promote good hand hygiene and hand sanitising stations will remain in place in all rooms, along corridors and at entrances and exit doors. Students should still continue to carry their own hand sanitiser in their school bags.

Students and staff will still continue to sanitise their work areas (desks and chairs) upon arrival to and ahead of departure from classrooms. Sanitising wipes will be disposed of safely in bins provided.

The requirement to stay at home if you have symptoms remains, both for students and staff. One of the key messages to manage the risks of COVID-19 is to do everything practical to avoid the introduction of COVID-19 into the school.

With effect from Monday 28 February the wearing of face coverings/masks on school transport will no longer be mandatory but will continue to be advised.

As you can appreciate, since March 2020 a number of changes had to take place to ensure the safety of our students and staff. It will take time to revert to our previous practices and we will begin this process over the coming weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community of students, teachers, parents and guardians for their support and adaptability over the last two years.

Yours sincerely,

David McCormack – Principal