

19 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are really looking forward to seeing all our students again on Monday. It's hard to believe that it's been 13 weeks since schools across the island closed to all but a few students. I wanted to provide you with some important information prior to your son/daughter's return on Monday.

Monday 22 June – Plan for the day

We are going to start gently on Monday morning. We will have some Year Group assemblies intertwined with an extended tutor time for the first two periods. This will allow students to spend time with their Form Tutors in a relaxed environment. The focus will be on wellbeing, and students will be encouraged to ask any questions, voice any concerns, and request additional support should they want to. From period 3 onwards, students will return to their timetabled lessons, and their timetables will be the same as the one they were following before the lockdown. This extended tutor time does mean that any students who are timetabled to have PE on Monday morning won't need their kit, but those who are doing Games in the afternoon will.

School Uniform

In recent correspondence, we informed you that school uniform would be optional until the end of term to aid students' transition back to school. Some parents have raised understandable concerns about this decision, and therefore we have decided to review the decision at the end of the first week. Any changes will be communicated to you.

Canteen & Buses

The school canteen will be fully up and running from Monday morning, offering their usual breakfast, break and lunch menus. This would be a good time to check your ParentPay accounts and make sure that students have sufficient funds to purchase food should they want to.

Bus Vannin has confirmed that all school buses will resume from Monday morning. Some parents may have noticed that the new timetable didn't provide a bus towards Foxdale at the end of the school day, but we have been assured that this issue has been addressed. I would advise you to check the timetables on the Bus Vannin website.

Mobile Phone Policy

During the restrictions, we made the decision to relax the Mobile Phone Policy to make it easier for students and parents to contact each other. We are now reinstating the policy in full from Monday, and therefore students in Years 7-10 should not have a mobile device on them during the school day. This includes break and lunchtime. With nearly all of the Island's restrictions lifted, the resumption of the normal bus service, and the return to a 'normal' provision in school, we see no reason why the Policy shouldn't be in place. If, however, you feel there is a legitimate reason for your child to have access to their mobile phone, please speak to us directly.

Illness

I must reiterate that if your son/daughter has any symptoms of Coronavirus you must not send them into school, and must follow Public Health advice.

We have updated our protocols in regards to dealing with sickness and injuries in school. We will no longer ask a sick or injured student to wait in Reception for their parent/carer to collect them. Instead they will be escorted to a designated room, given any appropriate treatment, and supervised until they are collected. We would ask that you support us by arranging for your son/daughter to be collected promptly in this situation.

Please take a moment to consider whether the contact details we have for you are correct. If they have changed please let us know ASAP.

Parent Survey

While the experience is still fresh in everyone's minds, it would be very helpful to us to gather some feedback on our remote learning provision during the period of lockdown. Please see below a link to a brief survey. Our in-school records indicate that engagement was positive but we would welcome your comments, and please be assured that all responses are anonymous.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpGJzyG55ah6A21AneO8_64kuDR_rfGy2JuzKwgVHWwgd7EA/viewform

Students learning from home

The Minister of Education has been clear that attendance at school is optional until September. We suggest that it will benefit students greatly to choose to attend, particularly now the school experience will be normal. Due to their own or family circumstances, some students may be unable to do so; if this is the case please let us know. Support for students learning from home will be very limited as our focus must return to classroom-based teaching and learning.

Work on the new School Field

You have no doubt seen in the media that plans for the new CRHS are progressing, starting with work on the new school field which will begin on Monday. The contractors have informed us that there will be alterations to Public Rights of Way in the surrounding area, details of which can be found through localised signage. We are also expecting an increase in construction traffic in the immediate vicinity, as heavy goods vehicles approach and leave the site.

We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school on Monday. If you have any questions please contact us.

Yours faithfully



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