



July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Firstly, I would like to pass on my thanks to the whole of our SRG community for the support that you have given us since school closed in March. It has been so encouraging for me, in my first year as your headteacher, to see the way in which staff, students and their families have worked with us during such a challenging period for young people.

Since the Minister for Education announced that schools would reopen on June 29<sup>th</sup>, we have received a continuous stream of advice and guidance from a wide range of sources. This has allowed us to plan very carefully, with a detailed risk assessment, to make school as safe as possible for students to return. We have also been waiting for confirmation of the term finish date from the First Minister. I am now able to confirm our plans for students to return.

1. School will open for three weeks from Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July.
2. Only students who have confirmed their attendance via the Google survey can attend.
3. Each year group will attend for 1 day per week, from 10am until 1pm.  
(Year 10 – Monday; Years 12 & 9 – Tuesday; Year 8 – Wednesday; Year 7 – Thursday)
4. School will not be open on Fridays to allow for deep cleaning.
5. Students displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19 must be kept at home and follow usual procedure for self-isolation.
6. Students can travel on their nominated bus and must bring their bus pass for daily checking by the driver. Buses will depart in the morning at one hour later than their usual time. They will depart school just after 1pm. Social distancing will be enforced on all buses.
7. A packed lunch will be provided free of charge for all pupils. Pupils must not bring food in from home.
8. Pupils should bring a bottle of water. There will not be access to the water fountains in school.
9. All teachers will continue to set work online for ALL pupils.
10. Students must attend in uniform. They may wear PE kit if desired, but all uniform must be freshly washed before each session to reduce any chance of transmission of virus.

I am aware that many of our students will not return during these three weeks. Don't worry, though we'd love to see you, we understand that not everyone is comfortable returning this term. As yet, we are awaiting further guidance about school in September, but as soon as we are in a position to share any plans with you, we will do so.

I have attached an outline of the day so that you will have some idea of what students will do when they are here and how we intend to keep them safe. We are looking forward to seeing them next week.

Best wishes

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