



# Milne's High School

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Dear Parent and Pupils

## SENIOR PHASE RETURN TO SCHOOL – 15 MARCH 2021

As per the government announcement yesterday by the First Minister, the next phase of return to school will begin on Monday 15 March and we are looking forward to seeing our pupils back in school.

This return to school is to allow for senior phase pupils to start to get back into the school setting and allow them to gain more direct teacher led interaction. The emphasis over the next period of time will be on consolidation and preparation for assessment for the senior phase.

The letter from Mrs Cameron on Wednesday 10 March, gave an overview of the working week for all pupils. Attached to this letter is an individualised timetable for your child. It is important that they follow this timetable in the two weeks leading up to the Easter break. This timetable will allow your child to have face to face contact with each of their curricular subject teachers for the maximum time I can accommodate under the parameters that I have been given.

As per national and local guidance, in order to make this return to school as effective as possible whilst continuing to ensure the safety of both our young people and our staff, we have a set of requirements that must be adhered to. On return to school, all senior phase pupils must:

- Be in school uniform
- Wear a face covering whilst in the building (including the classroom), unless exempt
- Wear a face covering if they are on school transportation, unless exempt
- Use the hand sanitiser on entrance to the school and to the classroom/area they will be working in
- Regularly wash hands throughout the day
- Report straight to their scheduled classroom as soon as they come to school i.e. no loitering in large groups in the outside areas
- Only enter and exit the building from the designated outside door and follow the one-way system
- Abide by the 2-metre distancing rule whilst in the corridor and in the classroom, from other pupils and staff – classrooms have been adjusted to make the seating etc clear for pupils and staff
- Stay in their timetabled areas, including break and lunchtimes

As you will see from the last bullet point above, at break and lunchtimes, pupils are required to stay in school. Pupils will remain in their session 1 area for break and in their session 2 area for lunch. Both the break and the lunch will be supervised for us to control the movement around the school. During break and lunchtimes, the need to maintain 2 metre distance must be adhered to as well. You should also note that we have reduced our lunchtime break to 30 minutes.

Our canteen will be open to provide cold and hot food for any pupil who wishes this but otherwise they should bring along a snack and packed lunch with them. Pupils will have the facility to order their food online through the Pupil Info Team in Glow the day before. Their food will be taken to their break and lunch area for them.

In order to limit the number of pupils in our building unnecessarily, we are asking that S5 and S6 pupils who live locally to:

- Only come into the building for session 2, if you are timetabled to a study in session 1
- Leave after session 2, if you are timetabled to a study in session 3

This is clearly marked on their individualised timetable attached. Any transport pupil parent who wishes to exercise this system by transporting their child themselves, please let our office staff know. However, no pupil can leave the building mid-way through the day and return later as per our local authority guidance.

Parents of pupils who are in school next week have been sent an email regarding asymptomatic testing – if they have not already started this process. If your child would like to take part in the free asymptomatic testing programme, the online form must be completed giving consent to take part before the test kits can be issued. Testing is voluntary and no-one will be prevented from coming into school if they do not wish to take part. The testing programme is to help identify asymptomatic individuals in school environments at the earliest possible opportunity and asking them and their close contacts to self-isolate, we minimise the likelihood of them passing on the virus. More information is in the original email containing the Form.

Although these measures may appear restrictive, they are necessary to use the spaces we have available as efficiently and safely as possible. For our return to school with increased numbers to be successful, this is dependent on the continuation of progress being made in the wider community to facilitate final decisions being made by local and national government.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards



Mrs S Valentine  
Depute Head Teacher

