

## 31ST JULY-8TH SEPTEMBER

Re-configuration of school to allow for re-opening of school the week beginning 24th August. Each year group were brought in to separate assemblies and were taken through the Loreto College Covid Response Plan, approved by BOM.

Re-Configuration of school included:

Removal of all non essential furniture from every room-lockers, extra desks, books, posters etc to allow for a de-cluttered classroom to enable 1M distance between all desks and teacher desk.

Removal of above items to sports hall awaiting arrival of two storage containers to house same. Sports hall will be out of use until storage containers arrive.

Conversion of 2nd year locker area into two classrooms  
Conversion of canteen into a classroom  
Conversion of AH into two classrooms  
Conversion of TY/5th Yr locker area into LS rooms  
Conversion of Oratory into our new Music room  
Conversion of Balcony in Sports Hall into a TY classroom  
Conversion of 2 rooms to Covid Isolation Rooms

All hand sanitiser, posters indicating one way movement of staff and students, social distancing, wearing of face masks have been put up throughout the school.

There will be no Canteen facilities or water fountains. Students are asked to bring their own lunch and water. Students will be able to take off masks for eating but must not congregate at lunch/break or at any time.

10 new supervisors are in place to supervise along the corridors and at lunch.

School will open for students at 8:00 and all students are to be off the premises following the last class. This is to allow for a deep clean of the entire school from our cleaners.

The aim of term 1 is to allow for students and staff to return to school and familiarise themselves with the new routines and schedules. As such we will not be arranging any sports or clubs in term 1

Students are allowed to wear their PE gear into school and hoodies, etc to keep warm as all windows will be open throughout the day. While temperatures may not be too low this term this will be important going forward.

The 6th Years met their 1st Year Buddies over the course of their 4 assemblies.

All students received their wipes and masks which were left at their assigned seats. Students will need to replace these themselves when they are used. All students received their school journal at their assembly.

A plastic container has been provided for all 1st, 2nd, 3rd and TYs in lieu of their locker to leave their jacket and journals etc. These are to be removed everyday. 5th and 6th Years don't have plastic containers as they move much more to their options but we are investigating alternatives.

There will be no PTMs this year,

There will be Christmas Exams from 16th November-20th November for all groups except 1st and TYs.

We welcomed new students to 4th and 5th year and we also welcomed new members of staff to our English, Irish, Business and Economics department.

Last Year's 6th Years received their results, and statistics regarding same are being collated by Mr O'Mahony. Students cannot appeal the result but can appeal the process of inputting of Calculated Grades.

We hope to look at introducing some level of Sport towards the end of September but for the moment we are delighted to welcome everyone back and we would ask parents to familiarise themselves with the Covid Response Plan as set out by the BOM, if you haven't done so already. Our main focus is to allow everyone become accustomed to the guidelines in this response plan so that by increasing separation and decreasing interaction we can strive to keep our school a safe environment for all our community.

Finally we would like to sincerely thank our Caretaking team of Jim, Bernard and Christy for all their work preparing for the re-opening and also to all staff who volunteered to help with the huge task.

Thank you also to all our parents and students for your support.