



NORTH MONASTERY SECONDARY SCHOOL

RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOL

2020-2021

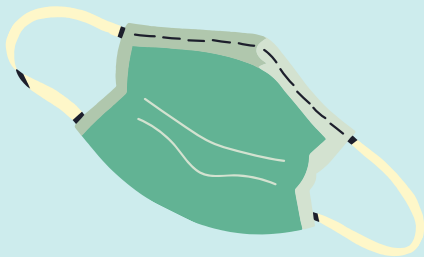


IMPORTANT INFORMATION:



- 01.** Arrangements for **dropping off/collecting students** should be arranged to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres. Walking/cycling to school is strongly encouraged as much as possible. Congregation of people at the school gates or at any of the doors to the school building is strictly not allowed.

02.



Masks/Facecoverings: these must be worn at all times whilst within the school building/classroom. Visors are not necessary. Masks must be plain in design; no logos, no words or other images must appear on the mask/face-covering. Students exempt from wearing a mask or face-covering must have a medically certified/diagnosed conditions which makes them exempt as per the guidelines from the HSE/Dept of Education & Skills. Students must bring their own mask(s) to school. These should be washed every day, using an antibacterial detergent and warm water or disposed of correctly.

- 03.** **Hand sanitising facilities** are located outside every room within the school building and upon entry to the school building. Students must use these upon entering and leaving a classroom. Students should also use the hand sanitising facilities upon entry and exit of the school building.



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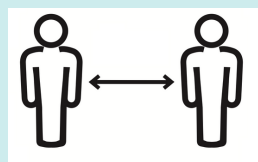
- 04.** All classrooms have been deep cleaned. It is important students keep their desk and the area around their desk tidy. Classrooms will be regularly cleaned.



- 05.** Your son will be located within a '**base**' classroom, this means your son will be situated in the same classroom for the majority of the school day (with some exceptions e.g. subject options) therefore reducing your son's movement within the school building and allowing a 'bubble' to be formed among your son's peers, for the safety and protection.



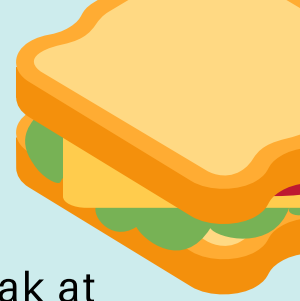
- 06.** **Physical distancing** will be observed throughout the school day for example, within the classroom desks will be 1 metre apart.



- 07.** **Posters** are displayed throughout the school building. These posters feature information regarding proper hand hygiene, correct sneeze, and cough etiquette, and how to wash your hands.

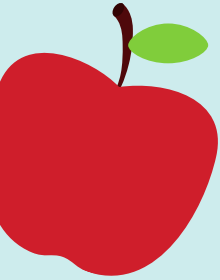


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Lunch: Junior Cycle students take their small break at 10.15am each day; Senior Cycle students will have their small break from 10.55am to 11.05am. The school canteen is not available this year, therefore, a filled roll will be provided for at small break - these will be delivered to each classroom before break begins. Students must bring a healthy lunch as part of our healthy eating policy we discourage students from bringing in fizzy drinks, crisps, chocolate, and sweets to the school. Physical distancing will be maintained during lunch.



09.

Lockers: these are not available for the 2020-2021 academic year, instead students can keep their books in their classroom.

10.

Sharing of materials such as pens, pencils, copies, A4 pads, colouring pencils and other similar types of materials is not allowed.

Therefore, your son must have the relevant materials with him at all times. The sharing of food, drink and items of clothing e.g.

Jacket/Hoodie is also not allowed. Students will be issued with a starter pack containing pens & pencils.



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Visiting the school: Our school is open to essential visitors only. Parents/Guardians can only come to the school by appointment only and only adults can attend this scheduled meeting. Face coverings will be required and please make use of the hand sanitising facilities upon arrival. It is advised that Parents/Guardians only drop items (PE/Books/Money) to the school as an extreme emergency and a designated area will be provided for same as the office won't be in a position to accept such items.

12.

Uniform: Students must wear their full uniform every day whilst in school. In line with Public Health Guidelines, we would ask that you wash the school uniform frequently.



13. **Feeling unwell at home:** If your son or someone within close proximity to your son/family exhibits signs of COVID-19 you are asked to contact your GP and the school immediately.

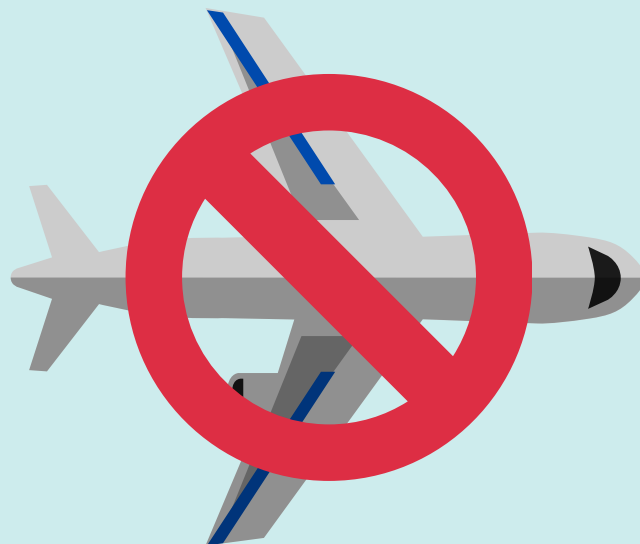


14. **Feeling unwell in school:** If your son is feeling unwell or exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 when in school, he is asked to notify his class teacher, year head or deputy principal immediately. The school will contact you directly. If such events arise it is important you notify your GP.

Reminder to anyone attending school who has travelled abroad

Government policy, which is based on official public health advice, continues to advise against **non-essential travel** overseas for everyone. It is a requirement for anyone coming into Ireland, from locations other than those with a rating of 'normal precautions' ("green"), to restrict their movements for 14 days, and this includes school staff, parents and children or other students coming from abroad to attend school in Ireland.

- Restricting your movements means staying indoors in one location and avoiding contact with other people and social situations as much as possible.
- The school needs to be made aware of any student not returning to school on time due to these restrictions.
- Whilst we know this will be a very different academic school year, we hope that students will still find the year enriching and beneficial.



Important Information for when you arrive into the school building



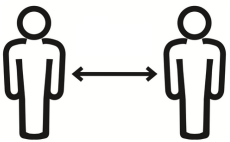
WASH AND SANITISE YOUR HANDS

Nigh do chuid lámh



COVER YOUR COUGH OR SNEEZE

Clúdaigh do bhéal má bhíonn tú ag casacht nó ag sraothartach



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Fan achar sábháilte amach ó dhaoine



WEAR YOUR MASK

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If you or anyone within your home is experiencing any of these COVID-19 symptoms please contact the school and notify your doctor immediately.

Common symptoms of coronavirus include:

- ✓ a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above)
- ✓ a cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- ✓ shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- ✓ loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal