



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

Bothar Caisil, An Chathair, Co. Thiobraid Árann

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4th September

Dear parent/guardian,

The first week of the school year has now been completed. It has gone extremely well, and it was great to have all our students back in the Coláiste. Students have stretched and changed since we last saw them on the 12th of March, but it was nice to have the energy of youth back in the school.

The day to day experience of school will in the short term seem very unfamiliar but I am sure in time we will all adjust.

I wish to acknowledge the maturity and co-operation shown by students and you as parent/guardian should be very proud of your son/daughter.

However, please take some time to read the following guidelines regarding the re-opening of the Coláiste.

Return to Full School for all groups:

Following consultation with a Public Health Consultant and the Chief Executive of Tipperary ETB students will be attending school next week as per timetable provided below. This is being done to ensure that all 820 people studying and working in the Coláiste become very familiar with our new procedures. The school is also very conscious of the public health position in our community at present.

Monday 7 th Sept 8.50-3.40	Tuesday 8 th Sept 8.50-3.40	Wednesday 9 th Sept 8.50am to 1.10pm	Thursday 8.50-3.40	Friday 8.50-3.40
Sixth	Sixth	Sixth	Sixth	Sixth
Fifth	TY	Fifth	TY	Fifth
QQI	Second	QQI	Second	QQI
Third	First	TY Third	First	Third

Currently the plan is for full school return from Monday the 14th of September.

Code of Behaviour:

The school management want to be clear on the following:

- There will be zero tolerance for any disruption to teaching and learning and for any behaviour that impacts on public health.

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- Student's in breach of any of these will be sent home for a period and will not return until they and parent/guardian agree to follow all school guidelines. Further breaches that impact on public health and teaching and learning will be an automatic expulsion from school until the end of this public health crises. Learning from home can be supported by the school.

The above will not apply to over 98% of our students but the 2% can not place the rest of the school community at any risk. This autocratic approach is necessary and thus it is crucial that all parents/guardians speak with their son/daughters about their duties as students and citizens while attending school. The Coláiste is a place of work for 81 people.

Procedures:

All Year Groups have been met and all aspects of how school will work this year have been explained.

Students:

- know their entrance doors for the day.
- have been instructed on compliance with wearing of masks indoors.
 - It will be very difficult for teachers to teach with masks and for students to learn effectively in class while wearing masks so patience all round will be required
- have been told about the necessity to maintain social distance while outside when the mask can be removed
- have been told about one-way systems and movement between classes
- have been told about the limit of three per time in designated toilets for each year groups
- methods of cleaning desks/chairs before classes begin
- location of all hand sanitiser
- have been told about their designated areas for before school, break and lunch

All the above will be explained again next week.

Points of Information:

- 6th years have permission to go downtown at lunchtime at present, but this may change
- All other students must remain on site
- Any student who drives to school should not carry another student during the school day in their car
- **Parents/guardians cannot enter the school building** during the day
 - **Students can only be collected at 11am or 1pm.**
 - Please send an email in advance to your son/daughter's Year Head and when approaching the school ring the office (052-7442828)
 - Your son/daughter can go to the front office to be collected at this time
 - **Year Heads**
 - 1st pryan@tipperaryetb.ie
 - 2nd sobrien@tipperaryetb.ie
 - 3rd aquin@tipperaryetb.ie

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- TY amulcahy@tipperaryetb.ie
- 5th nbarry@tipperaryetb.ie
- 6th cshanahan@tipperaryetb.ie
- Ms. Sinead Tarrant Deputy Principal will be responsible for our Junior Students and Mr. Darius Delahunty Deputy Principal will be responsible for our Senior Students
 - starrant@tipperaryetb.ie
 - ddelahunty@tipperaryetb.ie
- All issues relating to the routine day to day matters of school life should go first to your son/daughter's year head
- The school Principal or Deputy Principal's will be available for scheduled meetings **only** on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm.
 - Please ring the office to schedule an appointment
 - This goes against our traditional open-door policy unfortunately
- I will issue times when all Year Heads will be available for meetings in the next bulletin
- School buses will now drop and collect in Duneske at rear of the school. This will allow more space for parents/guardians to drop and collect at the front of the school. I ask that no parent/guardian enters the school grounds by car to drop or collect.

School Nurse/Isolation Room:

The school will have a nurse available to take calls from parents/guardians between 8am and 9am every morning. This number is to be used if your son/daughter will be absent from school because they are feeling unwell or it can also be used if you are looking for advice.

Our school nurse will also take responsibility for our isolation room if anyone displays flu or Covid like symptoms during the day. The isolation room is to the rear of the school.

It is essential, that parents/guardians are contactable during the school day as any student who displays flu or Covid symptoms will have to be collected immediately

The procedures will be:

- Student brought to isolation room
- Parent/Guardian contacted to collect student by school nurse/office staff
- When parent/guardian arrives to school you will ring the mobile number below and then you will be advised where to go
- Parent/Guardian advised to contact GP and follow their recommendations

NUMBER: 083-8367529

Active from Wednesday the 9th of September

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Covid 19 Case:

If there is a confirmed Covid 19 case amongst the school community the HSE will link with school management and advise.

Under no circumstances should a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid 19 or a close contact of someone who is awaiting a test result attend school. This applies to students and staff.

Contingency:

If the school has many staff absent due to Covid 19 like symptoms or are awaiting test results the school may have to move to online learning or certain year groups may have to be restricted from attending school. The school has a very limited amount of substitute teachers. Hopefully, this will not occur, but it is a decision that may have to be made.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation and support and I hope that everything that the staff of the Coláiste have been doing and all the plans we have in place will reassure your son/daughter as they return to full time education.

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