



## Loreto Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to be in a position to welcome your daughter back to school on Monday April 12th. It has been a difficult and challenging time for every parent, student and teacher in the country. With this in mind here are some guidelines for you as parents and guardians to think about over the Easter holiday to ensure a safe return to school on April 12th.

During the two weeks of holiday from online teaching and learning we are asking you to remind your daughter to continue with all the public health guidelines that each of us has followed so well to date. These guidelines have allowed us to reopen the schools for our students:

1. Please do not gather in large groups, remain in the bubble that you have been in for the last few months. This will be our final push to eradicate the virus, we are winning but if we slip now we could be forced into yet another lockdown.
2. Maintain social distancing
3. Wear your face mask at all times when in the company of others.
4. Wash your hands frequently and sanitise whenever the need arises
5. Avoid public transport if possible

Once Easter holidays are over and it is deemed safe to return to school we are asking you to:

- **Ensure the 'Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form' has been filled out. This is an online form and must be filled out by a parent or guardian. Parent email address must be used. This form should be filled out by 8am on Monday the 12th of April (This form will be available on the [www.loretobray.com](http://www.loretobray.com) from Thursday 8th April)**

- When your daughter returns to school she will be asked to follow the movement plan that was in place prior to the Christmas holidays.
- She will be asked to use the toilets that have been assigned to her year group
- School timetable remains exactly the same as it was prior to Christmas holidays.
- Be aware that she will need to be up earlier in the morning so an earlier bedtime is advised
- She will need a packed lunch as she will not have access to a shop
- Her uniform should be ready the week before the return date to ensure it is clean etc., uniform rules still apply
- Ensure she has face masks and sanitiser packed in her school bag
- Walking/Cycling to school for all our students is encouraged as much as possible. If students are being driven to school, parents/guardians are asked **not to drive onto school premises** to drop their daughter off.

**The HSE has asked all schools to bring the following to your attention before the full reopening on April 12th:**

Before attending school:

- **Symptoms** - You are not to attend school if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 infection.
- **Symptomatic household members** - No-one should attend school if they have any household member who has signs or symptoms of Covid-19; they should be restricting their movements until it is clear whether the household member has Covid-19 infection or not.
- **Close contacts** - Restrict movements and undergo testing if you have been told by your doctor / HSE services that you are a close contact of a case of Covid-19; you should not be attending any school.
- **Reinforcing general public health messages** - All staff and students attending school are reminded of the importance of keeping the school safe by abiding by the national public health measures currently in place at all times e.g. restricting movements and social contacts, social distancing, use of facial coverings and hand hygiene.

We wish you all a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to having you back in Loreto Bray on Monday April 12th.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Raughter

Principal