



HARTSTOWN
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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18th of August 2020

Dear parent/guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. We understand that the last few months have been very different for all of you and many of you are anxious about the return to school. We have missed our students and are really looking forward to seeing back in school soon.

Since the closure of schools we have been working very hard to make the school environment safe for students and staff. We have been working from the guidance that the Department of Education and Skills released in August. The guidance is comprehensive and is updated regularly.

At the moment we are a covid free school and it is our priority for it to remain that way and reduce the risk as much as possible. If a student is feeling unwell or showing signs of covid symptoms, they will be escorted by a deputy principal to an isolation area. Parents will be contacted immediately and asked to take their child home. It would be advisable to make contact with your GP over the phone immediately.

In order to minimise contact only essential visitors will be allowed access to the school building. If you wish to meet with a member of staff, please phone the school office and make an appointment.

We all have a collective responsibility to keep each other safe. There will be bumps along the road but with your help and support we can conquer those challenges head on.

Accompanying this letter is our "Reopening Summary for Parents", a short video on our reopening plan and our opening week timetable for all year groups.

Yours sincerely,

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Graham Fleming

Natalie Clince

Jenny Costello

Senior Management Team

Opening Week Timetable for Year Groups

Thursday 27th of August	
09.00 – 11.00	All students of 1st and 5th Year (including LCA and Transition Year) to meet year-heads and tutors, for induction and timetables
Friday 28th of August	
09.00 – 11.00	All students of 2nd, 3rd and 6th Year to meet year -heads and tutors for induction and timetables
Monday 31st of August	
08.52	All students start at 08.52 with Tutorial class