



Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardian & Students,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. We are busy preparing for the re-opening of our school by engaging in the detailed plan the 'Roadmap to Reopen Schools' as set out by the Department of Education.

As with all schools we will be challenged with the 1metre social distancing between students and 2metres for teachers in the classroom. In the coming weeks we will continue to update you with all the information about the functioning of our school on a daily basis. We understand this is a very unusual return to school but we hope to make the return to school as calm and seamless as possible. We must continue to work within the requirements and funding supports as set out by the Department of Education.

SCHOOL REOPENING SCHEDULE

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TIME
FRIDAY 28 TH OF AUGUST	1 ST YEARS RETURN	8.50A.M-1.15P.M
MONDAY 31 ST AUGUST	1 ST & 6 TH YEARS RETURN	8.50A.M-3.45P.M
TUESDAY 1 ST SEPTEMBER	1 ST , 6 TH & 3 RD YEARS RETURN	8.50A.M-3.45P.M
WEDNESDAY 2 ND SEPTEMBER	1 ST , 6 TH , 3 RD & 5 TH YEARS RETURN	8.50A.M-3.45P.M
THURSDAY 3 RD SEPTEMBER	1 ST , 6 TH , 3 RD , 5 TH & 2 ND YEARS RETURN	8.50A.M-3.45P.M
FRIDAY 4 TH SEPTEMBER	1 ST , 6 TH , 3 RD , 5 TH , 2 ND & TY RETURN	8.50A.M-1.15P.M

BOOKS & LOCKERS

We have been advised against the use of lockers, so going forward students **will not** have access to lockers. We do hope to provide alternative storage options for students such as storage boxes. These will be available to purchase from the school but we will have more details regarding this in the coming weeks. We would recommend students download the eBook version of their textbook where possible. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the inside cover of their textbook. Some companies may require our school roll number to complete this – 63630o. This is not compulsory but we feel that this will avoid unnecessary clutter in the classroom, reduce the weight of their school bag and most importantly reduce the amount of hard surfaces coming back into your home and likewise back into school, continuing to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus.

FACE COVERINGS & SANITISERS

It is now recommended by the government that teachers and students wear face coverings, when a physical distance of 2metres cannot be maintained. We also encourage that each

student brings their own personal bottle of hand sanitiser. Hand sanitising stations will be provided throughout the school for general use but it is recommended that students have their own sanitiser.

REF FACILITIES

Unfortunately the ref will not be in use for the students at the present time. Microwaves/ sandwich toasters, boiling water, chilled water dispenser and vending machines **will not** be available for use going forward as all these facilities are very high contact items and have issues with queuing and social distancing. Students must now bring their own fully packed lunch each day including water and any other necessary items required i.e. flasks.

REGISTRATION

We will be holding our traditional registration days on Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th of August. However there will be strict public health guidelines in place on both days. We do hope to offer an online payments service further details regarding registration will follow in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is expected that all students wear full school uniform to school each day.

STUDENT BASED CLASSROOMS

To minimise the amount of movement of our students around the school students will now have a base class where they will have most of their lessons. Limited movement will be for certain practical subjects. We are currently developing plans to stagger lunch times so as to reduce the amount of students congregating at any one time.

TRANSPORT

If your daughter travels to school by bus we advise that you contact the bus company directly and ask for their policies and procedures when travelling to and from school.

We are very aware that school life as we know it will be very different but we are confident that if we all work together as a community we can return to a new safe working environment for everyone. There will be challenges along the way but we are certain with your support that we will overcome any challenge we may face. We will be in contact in the coming weeks with any additional information. Please check in regularly with our website www.olol.ie for updates and information.

I look forward to working with you and your daughter in the coming year. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me – 051422177, secretary@olol.ie, principal@olol.ie

Kind Regards
Toni Ormond
Principal