



Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we are in the final stages of preparing for your daughters safe return to school. There are some changes to school life but we will do our very best to make the return as calm and as safe as possible for your daughter.

- If you, your daughter or another member of your household has been abroad in the last 14 days **in a current non-Green List country** you must notify the school immediately and your daughter is not permitted return to school until she has completed her 14 day isolation.

The school has a duty of care to all of its pupils. If the school has reasonable grounds for believing that its duty of care toward its staff and pupils is being undermined in circumstance where a pupil - has not observed the mandatory requirement to self-isolate for 14 days following return from a non-green list country, it is reasonable for the school to refuse access to the pupil for this period.

- If your daughter is experiencing **any one** of the following common symptoms she **is not permitted** to attend school:

Common symptoms include:

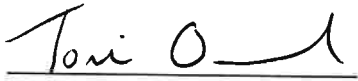
- a fever - (high temperature - **38 degrees Celsius or above**)
 - a cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
 - shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
 - loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Please do not send your daughter to school if she has:
 - a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
 - any other **common symptoms of coronavirus** - a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath
 - been in **close contact** with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus
 - been living with someone who is unwell and may have coronavirus

These guidelines have been set out by the HSE and are based on public health advice. I would encourage all parents to regularly check www.hse.ie and gov.ie/backtoschool for the most recent and up to date public health advice.

- Please note when your daughter returns to school there are some essential items that she must have coming to school such as:
 - A re-usable face mask that can be stored in a plastic bag.
 - Their own bottle of hand sanitiser.
 - A packet of anti-bacterial wipes.**All above items should be clearly marked with your daughter's name.**

Your daughter is not required to bring in all her school books on the first day back, just carry what is comfortable and safe in her school bag. We are not encouraging students to bring devices to school at the present moment we will be using textbooks in school and the online versions can be used at home to reduce the weight in school bags going home.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Ormond". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Toni Ormond

Principal