



# Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Thank you to all our students and their families for their continued support as we settle in to our “*new normal*”.

While we are in *this “new normal”* teaching and learning continues here each day! Your daughter has received a presentation regarding Subject Choice from Guidance Counsellor Ms Williams.

At this time of the year we usually meet First Year parents/guardians regarding Subject Choice. Unfortunately, with Level 3 restrictions we are unable to host a meeting here in school.

However, Ms Williams has recorded a Subject Choice presentation for parents/guardians. Please ask your daughter to show you this recording which has been posted on her First Year Team. This will explain very clearly about subject choice to you and your daughter.

Ms Williams would like to point out that the most important decision is whether or not to keep a modern foreign language, as it is the only decision that could potentially have future consequences. Our recommendation would be that all students would keep a modern foreign language (i.e. French/German) unless they fall into one of the following categories below:

1. A student who has a language other than English/ Irish at home and can speak and write it sufficiently well to sit it as a Leaving Certificate subject, to meet matriculation requirements.
2. A student who has an exemption from Irish and a third language, granted by the Department of Education on the **grounds of a learning difficulty**.
3. A student who does not wish to study a language but is fully aware that by giving up a third language now, this decision may have consequences in the future i.e. failure to meet matriculation requirements for the NUI's.

Should you have any queries not answered in the presentation please contact Ms Williams via [reception@loretoclonmel.ie](mailto:reception@loretoclonmel.ie) or (052) 6121402 and Ms Williams will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Mc Grath,  
Principal

Sarah Rice,  
Deputy Principal

## HSE Advice

Lots of additional advice is available at this [link](#)

Coronavirus  
**COVID-19**  
Public Health  
Advice

2m  
(6 feet)

Please Ensure  
**Social Distancing**

HSE | Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

Protect yourself and others from getting sick

**Wash your hands**

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after touching cuts, blisters or any open sores
- you can use alcohol hand rub, if hands are not visibly dirty

**RESIST** [www.hse.ie/handhygiene](http://www.hse.ie/handhygiene)

How to use Face Coverings

ALWAYS CLEAN YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER WEARING A FACE COVERING

**Correct Covering**

Medical masks should be reserved for health workers or patients in treatment. If you have been advised to wear a medical mask, always have the secured side covering and the metal band at the top of your nose.

**Check Your Fit**

Check that the face covering is made from a fabric that you are comfortable wearing. Check that it is easy to fit and completely covers your nose and mouth. If the nose is always, tie down loops on top of the head to get a good fit. Do not touch or adjust with the face covering when it is on.

**DO NOT:** Wear the face covering below your nose.

**DO NOT:** Leave your eyes exposed.

**DO NOT:** Wear it loosely with gaps on the sides.

**DO NOT:** Wear it so it covers just the top of your nose.

**DO NOT:** Push under your chin.

**FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO STAY SAFE:**

- ALWAYS** wash your hands before and after handling and after removing the face covering.
- ALWAYS** ensure you have plenty of clean water.
- ALWAYS** carry a small container of water with you to use for rinsing your hands.
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**Safe Removal**

Do not touch or adjust the face covering when it is on. Do not touch the face covering when it is on.

**Disposing Of Single-Use Mask**

Always dispose of single-use masks responsibly in a bin. Don't forget to clean your hands and face after disposal.

Stay safe. Protect each other.

Coronavirus COVID-19

Help prevent coronavirus

- Wash your hands
- Cover mouth if coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching your face
- Keep surfaces clean
- Stop shaking hands and hugging
- Keep a safe distance

The virus spreads in sneeze and cough droplets, so regularly taking the above measures helps reduce the chance of it spreading.

Visit HSE.ie  
For updated factual information and advice  
Or call 1850 24 1850

Protection from coronavirus. It's in our hands.