



# Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware the Minister for Education has confirmed that all schools will re-open tomorrow (Thursday 6th January 2022). As we look forward to our return to school tomorrow, we would like to wish all staff, students and their families a very Happy New Year.

With our COVID team members of Ms Powell and Ms Bourke, **we want to remind you all of the importance of our shared responsibility to continue to work with all government guidelines.** Thanks to all students and families in advance for supporting our COVID-19 protocols, which are in place to keep all in our community safe.

As you know we have an [Addition to the Code of Behaviour in light of Covid-19](#) which we have reviewed lately. We ask that parents/guardians take the time to read through this policy with your daughters in advance of our return to school.

Please ask your daughters to check that their cloth face mask fits over their mouth and nose and does not need constant adjustment. Also as doors and windows will be open, your daughters should wear warm layers under their uniform and wear their school coat each day.

On our return to school **please keep students who are unwell at home.** There was a move towards “go to school and see how you are feeling” at the end of last term. We understand this can often be difficult with varying home/work circumstances but we would urge you to err on the side of caution if your child is feeling unwell prior to attending school. This is to keep our staff, students and school community as safe as possible.

Advice from the HSE is available on pages 2 and 3.

You will note from our school calendar that on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January our school has a Junior Cycle Training Day (along with other voluntary secondary schools in Clonmel and surrounding areas). This is going ahead (at the moment) so students have a day at home on Monday. Should this change we will let you know.

Please see our prayer for the New Year below for all in the extended Loreto Community.

We look forward to seeing all our students back in school.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Rice,  
Acting Principal

Michele Culliton,  
Acting Deputy Principal



**Our prayer for all in the extended Loreto Community:**

Thank you for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, hope, respect and justice, that we might share them with others.

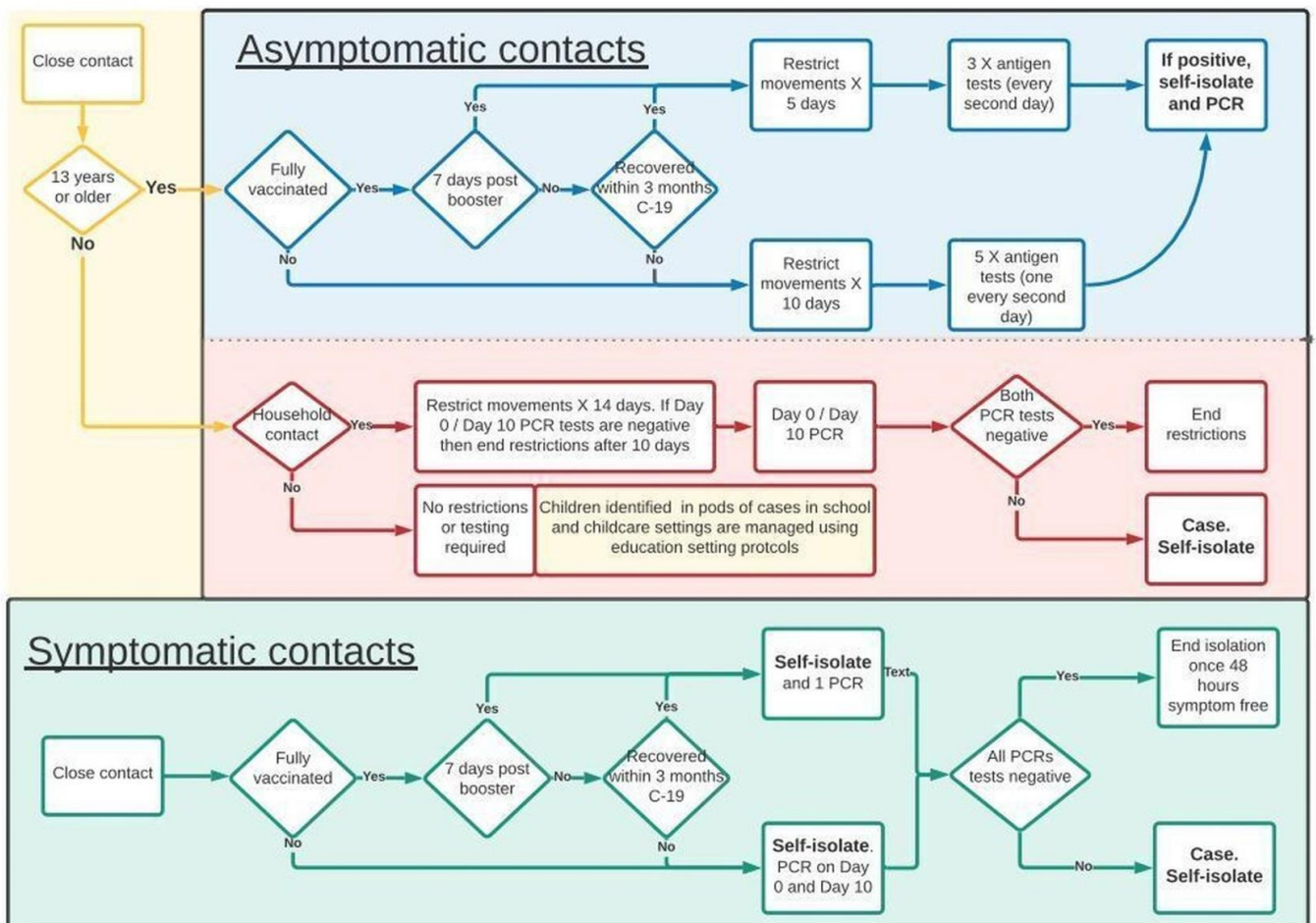
Amen.

**HSE Advice**

Further advice is available at this [link](#)

Please note information on managing COVID-19 cases, close contacts, etc is changing very regularly, so this will need to be checked often via the HSE website.

At the moment the information we have is noted below.



HSE Advice continued  
Further advice is available at this [link](#)

## 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 coloured side (showing) 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, as the way down under your chin.  
Tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps. If there are strings, tie them high on top of the head to get a good fit. Do not touch or fidget with the face covering when it is on.

**DO NOT:** Wear the face covering below your nose. **DO NOT:** Leave your chin exposed. **DO NOT:** Wear it loosely with gaps on the sides. **DO NOT:** Wear it so it covers just the tip of your nose. **DO NOT:** Push it under your chin to rest on your neck. **DO NOT:** Push it under your chin to rest on your neck.

**FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO STAY SAFE:**  
ALWAYS wash your hands before and after handling your face covering. ALWAYS change your face covering if it is dirty, wet or damaged. Carry unused face coverings in a suitable clean waterproof bag for example, a ziplock. Carry a second and/or spare face covering if you need them. CHILDREN under 12 should not wear face coverings. ALWAYS wash cloth face coverings on the highest temperature for cloth.

**Safe Removal**  
Use the ties or ear loops to take the face covering off. Do not touch the front when you take it off.

**Disposing Of Single-Use Mask**  
Always dispose of single-use masks properly in a bin. Don't forget to clean your hands and keep social distance.

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](https://www.hse.ie)  
For updated factual information and advice  
Or call 1850 24 1850

Protection from coronavirus. It's in our hands.

## 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

[www.hse.ie/handhygiene](https://www.hse.ie/handhygiene)

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## Coronavirus COVID-19

### How to use hand sanitiser

- Rub hands for hygiene
- Remember washing with soap and water is still best (and essential if your hands are visibly dirty)

- Apply a squirt of sanitiser
- Rub your hands palm to palm
- Rub between your fingers
- Rub the back of each hand
- Clean each thumb
- Rub your fingertips in your palms
- Once dry you're done!

Remember, hand hygiene helps prevent COVID-19 spreading.

#holdfirm

Ireland's public health advice is guided by WHO and ECDC advice.