



# Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today is our last day of term and we know that everyone in the extended Loreto Community is looking forward to spending some quality time with their families once again.

## Thank you

The past few months have brought about more change and challenges than any of us could ever have envisaged both in school and in our own lives. Returning to school in late August was a time of optimism for some and a time of apprehension for others. Collectively we have done fantastic work to make and keep our school safe, while returning to our main focus of teaching and learning.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking and committed staff who have managed to work together and navigate themselves through a time of uncertainty and change; staying focused on new guidelines and procedures, but at the same time managing to keep our students learning, working, smiling and laughing.

Of course, even with the hard work of our staff, this term would not have been so successful had we not had the level of support, compliance and commitment from parents/guardians and students alike. Keeping our school safe is a collective effort and for your part in that we would like to thank you sincerely.

## Letter from Minister of Education

Minister Foley has written to students. Please read this letter [here](#).

## Contacting the school over Christmas

The school office will close at 12:45pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 and reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 9:30am.

## Take care of yourself and others and take a break!

We would like to recommend that everyone takes a break from school life over Christmas, so that you are rested and ready for the second half of this academic year.

The Department of Education has asked the school to remind you that **anyone who travels internationally must restrict their movements for 14 days on arrival into Ireland.**

**We want to underline the importance of our shared responsibility to stick to government guidelines.**

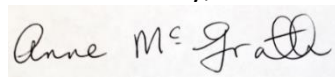
We urge our students and their families to stay mindful of social distancing and group gatherings over the Christmas period so that we can all return to school safely on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

However, should it happen that we are closed we have a contingency plan and we will be communicating this to you should the need arise.

Please see our Christmas Prayer below for all in the extended Loreto Community.

With every good wish for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours faithfully,



Anne Mc Grath,  
Principal



Sarah Rice,  
Deputy Principal



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

Help us to become aware of our own light, gifted from God.

Guide us to see opportunities this Christmas to be an unexpected light for others.

Through our actions let us use our gifts unselfishly, to brighten the days of those around us.

Let us be grateful for all that has been gifted to us, by sharing it freely with others.

Amen.

## HSE Advice

Further information on COVID-19 is available at [HPSC](https://www.hpsc.ie); and [GOV.ie](https://www.gov.ie) or phone **Public Health South East** at 056 7784142 or **HSE Live** at 1850 24 1850



	Condition	Person	Others
1	Laboratory confirmed COVID-19	Self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms with last 5 days without a fever (if asymptomatic, 10 days from date of test)	Close contacts restrict movements for 14 days (after last contact with case*)
2	COVID-19 symptoms awaiting test or test result (this includes patients with samples reported as indeterminate/invalid until such time as repeat test is available or it has been determined that COVID-19 has been excluded on other grounds)	Self-isolate, including from household members if possible, pending test result	Members of the household restrict movements pending test results/exclusion of COVID-19 diagnosis
3	COVID-19 symptoms, test result "Not Detected"	Follow medical advice. Restrict movement until 48 hours symptom free.	Restrictions no longer needed
4	Some medical symptoms that may be COVID-19 related and awaiting medical assessment that day to determine if testing is required	Self-isolate pending assessment	No restrictions until medical assessment determines if COVID-19 testing is required. If yes, restrict movements pending results.
5	No symptoms. Close contact of confirmed case	Restrict movements for 14 days, testing as advised by public health (Day 0 and Day 7)	No restrictions
6	Runny nose or other minor symptoms and 'off-form', no fever equal to or greater than 38.0°C, no cough, no shortness of breath. AND Close contact of proven case OR travel from region not on Green Region** list	Assessment +/- testing advised. Self-isolate pending assessment of symptoms. N.B. Movements should be restricted for 14 days due to close contact/travel to non-Green Region**. In certain instances, the duration of restricted movement can be reduced. See <a href="https://www.gov.ie">www.gov.ie</a> for more detail.	Members of the household restrict movements pending assessment
7	Runny nose or other minor symptoms and 'off-form', no fever equal to or greater than 38.0°C, no cough, no shortness of breath AND ill household contact with COVID-19 symptoms	Assessment +/- testing advised of child and symptomatic household contact, as the risk of COVID-19 within a household increases with each additional ill household contact. Self-isolate pending assessment of symptoms	Members of the household restrict movements pending assessment
8	Runny nose or other minor symptoms and 'off-form', no fever equal to or greater than 38.0°C, no cough, no shortness of breath, and NO ill contacts or history of travel	Keep home from school or childcare for a period of 48 hours. Monitor child's condition for deterioration or new symptoms. If no deterioration or new symptoms AND no need for paracetamol or ibuprofen, then child can return to school or childcare.	No restrictions
9	Runny nose, not unwell, good form, good energy and normal appetite, no fever, not requiring paracetamol, ibuprofen or any other antipyretic	Can go to school	No restrictions
10	Travel from country not on Green Region list**	Restrict movements for 14 days, In certain instances, the duration of restricted movement can be reduced. See <a href="https://www.gov.ie">www.gov.ie</a> for more detail. If symptoms develop, self-isolate and test for COVID-19 (see point 6)	No restrictions unless the person who has returned develops symptoms
11	COVID-19 symptoms, fits criteria for testing, but not tested for any reason, or declines testing	Treat as confirmed case. Self-isolate for 10 days with last 5 days without a fever	Close contacts restrict movements for 14 days (after last contact with case)