



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

26th June 2020

Dear Student and Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this email finds you safe and well and that students are enjoying the start of their summer holidays.

Our time in school since Friday 13th March 2020 has been like no other, where our whole school community - students, staff and parents/guardians - faced challenges like never before.

I am very proud to say that in Loreto Clonmel we collectively embraced this challenge and took the opportunity to advance teaching and learning and school administration in the digital area for everyone.

Teaching and learning continued for all and we worked very hard to ensure that all the supports needed by staff and students were offered and put in place. As a school community, we are proud of the quality of work and the commitment of all to the process.

We know that for our students many things have not been easy - being separated from friends, doing your schoolwork (classwork and homework) at home, missing the opportunity to take exercise, etc.

To our students we say thank you and well done. You have had to adapt and take on new responsibilities that none of us could have predicted at the start of the year. You have demonstrated your ability to live out our motto of **“Love, Laughter and Learning”** by responding positively to the changes.

It is our hope that students from 2nd Year to 6th Years will be back to school between Tuesday 1st September 2020 and Friday 4th September 2020. On their first day back lockers and coat hooks will be given out by SNAs during the day. *Please see page 3 for spiral key chains that you should bring so that keys are not lost!*

Depending on Department of Education and Skills and HSE guidelines we are hoping that the following is the pathway for returning to school (*we will keep you informed of any up-dates the week before if necessary*):

Arrangements for Monday 31st August 2020

- **All New Students (other than first year)** from 8:55am to 1:10pm

Arrangements for Tuesday 1st September 2020

- All 1st years for normal classes
- All **6th Years** for normal classes

Arrangements for Wednesday 2nd September 2020

- All 1st and 6th years for normal classes
- All **5th Years** for normal classes

Arrangements for Thursday 3rd September 2020

- All 1st, 5th and 6th years for normal classes
- All **3rd Years** for normal classes

Arrangements for Friday 4th September 2020

- All 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th years for normal classes
- All **2nd Years** for normal classes
- All **TYs for Induction Day**

Arrangements for Monday 7th September 2020

- Normal classes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th Year and first day of Work Experience for TYs

Arrangements for Tuesday 8th September 2020 to end of week

- Normal classes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th Year
- **TY Bonding Day**

Further details of school calendar are on the website at this [link](#).

A reminder that while we are giving you some dates for starting school, please understand that **depending on government guidelines these are subject to change**.

On return to school students will need:

- Zip-lock bag with hand sanitiser and face cloth (to use as hand towel)
- Face Mask - there are lots of YouTube videos on how to make your own (one example is [here](#))

Also please note that:

- Booklists are now up on the website (*see page 3 for more details*)
- Uniforms are available from our local suppliers (*see page 3 for more details*)

Enjoy your Summer with your family and we are looking forward to seeing you face-to-face at the start of September.

Our prayer for you is below.

Stay safe,

Anne Mc Grath,
Principal



Our end of term prayer:

May the God of peace, hope and love fill your lives
and may you bring peace, hope and love to all you meet.

May you be happy in everything you do,
and always have hope and courage for what lies ahead.

Loreto Clonmel Booklists are on the School Website (<http://www.loretoclonmel.ie/>)

Our local suppliers are *The Book Market* (Market Place), *Marion's Bookshop* (42 O'Connell Street) and *Easons* (Gladstone Street).

Loreto Clonmel School Uniform (see Student Journal)

Our local suppliers for all uniform items (except shoes) are *Minnie Mee* (25 Mitchel Street) and *Uniform World* (Ard na Gaoithe Business Park, Cashel Road).

- Dark green knee-length pinafore.
- Loreto red cardigan (not lumber-jacket or jumper).
- White shirt.
- Uniform tie:
 - red tie for Juniors i.e. 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students.
 - striped tie for Seniors i.e. Transition Year, 5th and 6th year students.
- Dark green knee socks or tights.
- School uniform jacket.
- Dark coloured, low-heeled shoes.
- Scarves must be in the school uniform colours, red or green.

Loreto Clonmel P.E. Uniform

- O'Neills Track-suit bottoms with red and green stripe and Loreto crest.
- White O'Neill's shorts with red & green stripes on the side.
- Plain red Polo T-Shirt (with school logo)
- Red Hoodie (with school logo).
- A Pair of Sports Runners.

Loreto Clonmel Single Use Plastic Ban

Reusable Water Bottle (as single use plastics are banned on the school campus and for school activities)

Note: All items of school uniform, school books, device (where relevant), reusable bottle and lunch box must be **CLEARLY LABELLED**.

Spiral Stretch Extending Key Chains



There are various types and colours.

Please bring one with you on your first day so that you don't misplace your locker key!