



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Friday 21st August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and 6th Year Students,

We hope that you are well and that you are staying safe. We are looking forward to seeing all our 6th Years on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

For us all to be able to return we need to be sure that we all stay safe. We have heard that there are some events/gatherings still scheduled prior to our return to school for 6th years even though the guidelines have changed.

Our priority is to have everyone back on campus. To do this we need our 6th Years - our school leaders - to make positive decisions for the good of the entire school community. Can we ask parents/guardians to discuss with students the information below so that before considering going to a gathering, students have all the relevant information to make an informed decision?

Below is a reminder from the HSE website of a few important facts to take into consideration.

- **Current guidelines regarding gatherings and events away from the home are as follows (see this [link](#)):**

Gatherings and events indoors should be a maximum of 6 people from no more than 3 households. This applies to groups in restaurants.

Gatherings and events outdoors should be a maximum of 15 people. Weddings will still be limited to 50 attendees. Even outdoors, you should keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with.

- **We would like to remind all 6th years of what it means to be a close contact (see this [link](#))**

This is only a guide but close contact can mean:

- *spending more than 15 minutes of face-to-face contact within 2 metres of an infected person in any setting*
- *living in the same house or shared accommodation as an infected person*
- *sitting within 2 seats of an infected person, in any direction, on an airplane*

Spending more than 2 hours in a closed space with an infected person will sometimes count as close contact. This could be an office or a classroom. But it will depend on the size of the room and other factors. Health officials will let you know if you are at risk or not.

- **If you do come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 then ([link](#)):**

*You will need to restrict your movements for 14 days if you:
are a close contact of a confirmed case of coronavirus*

- **And finally if you test positive you need to self-isolate (see this [link](#))**

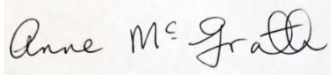
- *Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people. Behave as if you have the virus if you have symptoms. If you have been diagnosed with coronavirus or have symptoms, the people you live with will need to restrict their movements.*

- *Stay at home, in a room with a window you can open.*
- *Keep away from others in your home as much as you can. Use a separate toilet if possible.*
- *Check your symptoms - call a doctor if they get worse. Phone your doctor if you need to - do not visit them.*
- *Cover your coughs and sneezes using a tissue - clean your hands properly afterwards.*
- *Wash your hands properly and often*
- *Use your own towel - do not share a towel with others.*
- *Clean your room every day with a household cleaner or disinfectant.*

So, 6th Years before attending an event/gathering can we please ask you not do anything to jeopardise your safe return to school or a safe return for us all.

We are counting on you to show real leadership about this.

Thank you for taking time to read this and for making the right decision.
Yours faithfully,



Anne Mc Grath,
Principal



Sarah Rice,
Deputy Principal



Our summer holiday prayer:

May we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.