



# Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We write to update you about some changes to the school day/week for the 2021-2022 school year. The Loreto Education Office asked Loreto schools to consider the implementation of longer class times on a trial basis. Following detailed work by our Curriculum Team, consultation with other schools who currently have longer class times, discussion with staff, Board of Management, students and representatives from the Parents' Association we are trialling for the 2021 - 2022 school year 58-minute classes.

| Layout of School Day 2021-2022  |   |
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| Monday to Thursday  | Friday  |
| 08:50 - 09:48   | 08:50 - 09:48                                 |
| 09.48 - 10.46   | 09:48 - 10:46                                 |
| <b>Break (15 minutes)</b>   | <b>Break (15 minutes)</b>                     |
| 11:01 - 11:59   | 11.01 - 11.59                                 |
| 11:59 - 12:57   | 11.59 - 12.57                                 |
| <b>Lunch (40 minutes)</b><br>We have been advised to plan for some COVID restrictions, so for next year we will continue with 40 minutes for lunch. | <b>Lunch (30 minutes)</b>                     |
| 13:37 - 14:35   | 13:27 - 14:25                                 |
| 14:35 - 15:33 (school finished at 15:33)  | <i>No Period 6 (school finished at 14:25)</i> |

| Afternoon Study (students opt into this) |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 15:45 - 16:40                            | 14:40 - 15:35             |
| <b>Break (10 minutes)</b>                | <b>Break (10 minutes)</b> |
| 16:50 - 17:45                            | 15:45 - 16:40             |

We will all be working together learning about managing the new school day. We want to reassure you all that having to spoken to many schools who have trialled this, not one school decided to return to 40-minute classes.

We realise that the shorter day on Friday may have an impact on families, so in consideration of this we are adjusting Afternoon Study to give families a few options for the school year 2021-2022. So there will be 3 choices:

- Afternoon Study Monday to Friday
- Afternoon Study Monday to Thursday
- Afternoon Study Friday Only

All fees must be paid in advance of study. **However, as always, please contact the Principal in confidence if you wish to discuss spreading the payment across a few months.**

**Cost of Study 2021-2022 (approximately €2.50 per day)**

*There are 3 options possible (this is a trial for 2021-2022 school year).*

| <b>Start Date</b>                   | <b>End Date</b>                        | <b>Number of Weeks</b> | <b>Monday to Friday</b> | <b>Monday to Thursday</b> | <b>Friday Only</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 21 | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 | 14 weeks (approx.)     | €175                    | €140                      | €35                |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 22 | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022       | 18 weeks (approx.)     | €225                    | €180                      | €45                |

**Notes:**

There is no study the day we break up for October Midterm, Christmas, February Midterm, Easter, Summer. This is reflected in the costs noted above.

**School Expenses for 2021-2022** which include personal accident insurance, photocopying, consumable classroom materials, printing, postage, SPHE materials, Retreat (3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year), careers, assessment tests and journals are noted below.

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| First Years and Second Years             | €75  |
| Transition Years                         | <b>No payment required as this is included in TY fee €75</b> |
| Third Years, Fifth Years and Sixth Years | €95  |

These expenses are due by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Notes:**

- Expenses for Art and Home Economics are not included in the amounts noted above.
- We are not asking for a *voluntary school contribution* at this stage.

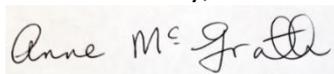
Only two staff members are involved in fee payments: the Principal and the Financial Secretary. Therefore if you wish to discuss a payment plan or you need to discuss your personal circumstances please know that you can phone the Principal in **complete confidence**. From today families can go to Easy Payments on the school website to pay their School Expenses and book into Afternoon Study.

Our return to school date is on or after Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021. We are awaiting detailed instructions from the Department of Education regarding back-to-school protocols. Once we have those we will inform you of the specific date for each year group (as we anticipate bringing one year group at a time back on the premises).

**The school office will be closed from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021.**

We wish you and your family a happy and restful summer and we look forward to having all our staff and students back together for our Autumn Term.

Yours faithfully,



Anne Mc Grath,  
Principal



Sarah Rice,  
Deputy Principal