



# Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope that this letter finds you safe and well and that our students are enjoying the start of their summer holidays.

To our staff and students, we say thank you and well done on the work you have all completed this last school year. This year you have had to adapt and take on new responsibilities. 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 all students will be back to school between Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

We are hoping that the following is the pathway for returning to school (*we will keep you informed of any up-dates as our return to school approaches if necessary*):

## Arrangements for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

- **CARAs** from 9:45am to 1pm (time subject to change)
- **Facility Team (previously Mess Managers)** from 11:30am to 1:30pm (time subject to change)

## Arrangements for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

- **CARAs** from 8:30am to 1.30pm
- **1<sup>st</sup> Years** from 8:50am to 1pm (please bring a school bag, pencil case, device, a snack and reusable bottle of water)

*Note:* 1<sup>st</sup> Years should be **COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL** by their parent/guardian (as they will have a heavy load of books to bring home!). Parents/guardians are asked to park in Suir Side Car Park and walk across the bridge to drop and collect students.

## Arrangements for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

- **CARAs** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **1<sup>st</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **Students New to School** 11:15am to 12:45pm

**Note:** NO Afternoon Study this week

## Arrangements for Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

- **1<sup>st</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **6<sup>th</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **TY Gym Course only** (times to be announced)

#### Arrangements for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

- **1<sup>st</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **6<sup>th</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm

#### Arrangements for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

- **1<sup>st</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **TY Induction** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **5<sup>th</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm
- **6<sup>th</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 3:33pm

#### Arrangements for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

- **1<sup>st</sup> Years** **DAY OFF**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 2:25pm
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 2:25pm
- **TY Trip** all day 8:50am to 2:25pm
- **5<sup>th</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 2:25pm
- **6<sup>th</sup> Years** all day 8:50am to 2:25pm

#### Arrangements for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

- Normal classes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year
- TY Work Experience or Gym Course
- Afternoon Study begins

#### Arrangements from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

- Normal classes for all students

Further details of school calendar are on *page 4*. 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** (*see page 5*) with cloth, spare face masks, hand sanitiser, face cloth (to use as hand towel), anti-bacterial wipes and head phones  
**Note:** at the moment we are working on the presumption that cloth face masks will need to be worn by all members of the school community
- **A school bag** to hold copies, pencil case, water bottle, lunch box, etc.

## Booklist

[1st year Book List 2021-2022](#)

[2nd year Book List 2021-2022](#)

[3rd year Book List 2021-22](#)

[Transition year Book List 2021-2022](#)

[5th year Book List 2021-2022](#)

[6th year Book List 2021-2022](#)

### Also please note that:

- Booklists are now up on the website (scroll to the end of the front page).

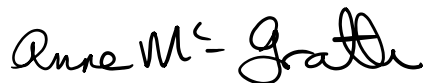
**Note:** Students will require a copy for each subject.

- Uniforms are available from our local suppliers please see this [link](#) for details of our uniform.

We are delighted to let you know that for incoming First Years we are bringing in the option of Technical Graphics as a Junior Cycle subject and for incoming TYs we will have a taster module of Examinable PE, Computer Science, Agricultural Science and Politics and History. This is with a view to students considering these for 5<sup>th</sup> year 2022-2023 (subject to numbers expressing an interest in a subject).

Enjoy the summer with your family and we are looking forward to seeing our students “in-person” for the start of the new school year.

Stay safe,



Anne Mc Grath,  
Principal



Sarah Rice,  
Deputy Principal

## School Calendar for 2021-2022

	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Mon				1							
Tue				2			1	1			
Wed		1		3	1		2	2			1
Thurs		2		4	2		3	3			2
Fri		3	1	5	3		4	4	1		3
Sat		4	2	6	4	1	Bank Holiday	5	5	2	4
Sun	1	5	3	7	5	2		6	6	3	5
Mon	2	6	4	8	6	School Closed	3	Mock Exams	7	4	2
Tue	3	7	5	9	7		4	Christmas Holidays	8	8	5
Wed	4	8	6	10	8		5		9	9	6
Thurs	5	9	7	11	9		6		10	10	7
Fri	6	10	8	12	10		7		11	11	8
Sat	7	11	9	13	11		8		12	12	9
Sun	8	12	10	14	12		9		13	13	10
Mon	9	13	11	15	13	10	JCT Cluster Day	14	Mock Exams	14	11
Tue	10	14	12	16	14	11		15		15	12
Wed	11	15	13	JCT Whole School	17	12		16		16	13
Thurs	12	16	14		18	13		17	Bank Holiday	17	14
Fri	13	17	15		19	14		18	School Closed	18	15
Sat	14	18	16		20	15		19		19	16
Sun	15	19	17		21	16		20		20	17
Mon	16	20	18		22	17		21	Bank Holiday	21	18
Tue	17	21	19		23	18		22		22	19
Wed	18	22	20		24	19		23	Mid-Term	23	20
Thurs	19	23	21		25	20		24		24	21
Fri	20	24	22		26	21		25		25	22
Sat	21	25	23		27	22		26		26	23
Sun	22	26	24		28	23		27		27	24
Mon	23	27	School Closed	25	Bank Holiday	29		28		28	25
Tue	24	28		26	Bank Holiday	30		29		29	26
Wed	25	29		27		31		30		30	27
Thurs	26	First Day		28	Christmas Holidays			31		31	28
Fri	27			29							29
Sat	28			30							30
Sun	29			31							31
Mon	30										
Tue	31										

SEC Examinations

## Items for your Zip-Mesh Bag

All students are expected to have a zip-mesh bag (*clearly labelled with student's name*) with the following items which you check and refresh on a Friday night in readiness for Monday morning:

➤ **Hand sanitiser**

➤ **Face cloth** (to use as hand towel)

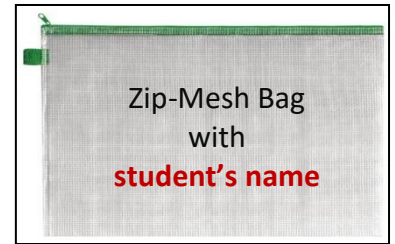
➤ **Headphones**

*(needed if using devices with sound which may be the case if tuning into a teacher from a separate classroom – if possible, please don't bring large headphones, bring small headphones e.g. mobile phone ones)*

➤ **Face Mask**

*It is compulsory to wear a face mask - please have a spare one with you each day; likewise, you might like to have a spare visor with you (which is not compulsory to wear)*

➤ **Pack of Antibacterial Wipes**



**Note:**

- **Clearly label all items with the student's name.**
- **For hygiene reasons students are not permitted to share these (or any other items).**

## HSE Advice

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

### 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



**RESIST** [www.hse.ie/handhygiene](http://www.hse.ie/handhygiene)



## 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**  
For updated factual information and advice  
Or call 1850 24 1850

Protection from coronavirus. It's in our hands.



## 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, all the way down under your chin.

Tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps. If there are straps, 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. Leave your chin exposed. Wear it loosely with gaps on the sides. Wear it so it covers just the tip of your nose. 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 sealed clean waterproof bag, for example, a ziplock.
- Carry a second similar type bag, to put used face coverings in.
- CHILDREN UNDER 13 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



### 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)

1. Apply a squirt of sanitiser
2. Rub your hands palm to palm
3. Rub between your fingers
4. Rub the back of each hand
5. Clean each thumb
6. Rub your fingertips in your palm
7. 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

