

18th February 2021



**Senior Phase return to school for essential practical work,
and changes to remote learning timetable**

Dear Parents,

As you will no doubt be aware, it has been announced that limited numbers of Senior Phase (S4-6) pupils will return to school from next week to complete essential practical work. In order to make it possible for pupils to do this, and still participate in remote learning in their other subjects, we have had to make changes to the remote learning timetable for all Senior Phase pupils.

A revised timetable for all S4-6 pupils has been sent with this letter. It will take effect from 22nd February. This will also be communicated to pupils via their Guidance and subject teachers in Teams. Please can you ensure your child is aware of the changes to their timetable and knows when they are due to be in school if that applies to them.

Please note that if your child is already attending school for support, the days on which this is offered may change in order to allow them to attend practical classes. You will be contacted individually if this is the case. If your child is eligible for Key Worker childcare, please continue to notify us of the days you are working. Please can I remind parents that childcare should only be used as a last resort, to limit the number of pupils who are mixing in the school building.

If your child is coming in to school to do practical work, information will follow with full details of the procedures in place, which now include 2m distancing between pupils at all time, and face coverings worn in class as well as around the school. School transport is running for these pupils at the normal times. In most cases, pupils have lessons in their practical subject in school for half a day. If they need to use school transport, pupils are able to remain in school for the other half of the day doing their remote learning tasks. However, if they have other means of transport they are encouraged to only be in the building when in their practical lesson, and to do their remote learning at home for the remainder of the day.

All Senior Phase pupils attending school are being offered at-home covid testing, and I would encourage them to take up this offer for the protection of all those attending school and those they come into contact with. Please see the letter sent on 17th February for full details of this programme. Information is also available on the [school website](#).

Finally, a reminder that it is our online Senior Phase Parents' Evening tonight. Full details of this were in the parent letter sent on 28th January which is available on the [school website](#).

My apologies for the large amount of information coming to parents in recent days. As is now the norm, things are changing rapidly. If anything is unclear please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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