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April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

## Newsletter for parents/guardians

Dear parents/guardians,

Hope you are all doing well.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to the College on **Monday morning, 12<sup>th</sup> April, at 9am**. As you know, our Leaving Cert., fifth year and LCA students have already been back in school since early March so we are now delighted to welcome our first-, second-, third- and Transition year students back for the last term of the 2020-21 school year. We look forward to giving students the opportunities they need for socialising, goal-setting and generally having positive experiences throughout the school day. We appreciate the importance of students returning to normal routine, re-engaging with their friends and resuming classroom learning. The last year has been very difficult for everyone and we appreciate just how important school is for all students. We will endeavour to make their return as positive and worthwhile as possible.

**'Return to Educational Facility' form:** Please see attached a form which **all first, second-, third- and Transition year students** are required to fill and submit to the school before returning to school on Monday morning. These students are required to fill this form and email it to [office@stcolmans.ie](mailto:office@stcolmans.ie) on Sunday afternoon **or** return a paper copy to Principal/Deputy Principal on Monday morning. We have some paper copies available in the front hall

of the College on Friday morning, 9<sup>th</sup> April from 9am – 1pm, if anybody requires one.

**Symptoms:** Please note that any student who is suffering from symptoms of Covid-19, or anybody who is a close contact, or anybody who is awaiting test results/has a family member awaiting test results, should not attend school on Monday morning. **If in doubt, please err on the side of caution.**

**Masks/Face coverings:** All students will still be required to wear masks and please ensure that the student's mask fits him correctly. He must wear a mask at all times when he is inside the school building, and outside when he is within two meters of somebody else. We have some masks available if a student forgets a mask on any given day.

**Hand-sanitising and social-distancing:** All students must continue to sanitise their hands and observe social-distancing throughout the school day. These requirements are still very important for everybody's continued safety and wellbeing.

If at any point during any day after their return to school a student is feeling unwell, he should notify a member of staff immediately. All necessary precautions will be taken and we will adhere strictly to the government guidelines. Please discuss this with your son prior to his return to school and encourage him to be proactive in this regard.

Please ensure students have their school journal with them on Monday and every other day thereafter. It is extremely important that students use the journal during the school day.

Thanks very much for your understanding and continued support. Please contact us at any time by phone (094 93 71442) or by email ([office@stcolmans.ie](mailto:office@stcolmans.ie)) if you have any questions. We will do our very best to help.

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