

13<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear students, parents and guardians,

We are really looking forward to welcoming our students back to Creagh College. Please see below our plan for the phased and gradual reopening of Creagh College. This is to allow us to fully train and brief staff and students on new protocols and procedures and to respond to any difficulties that might arise in our protocols and amend if necessary. It is important to note that this, like everything else, is subject to change. 6<sup>th</sup> years will return first and will then continue to attend until they have a day off on Mon Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. While we are conscious that everyone is very eager to get back to school, we want to ensure that your child's safety is paramount. Please see our attached bulletin outlining some of the preliminary steps we have taken and will be taking.

Friday 28/8	Induction of new staff members
Monday 31/8	Staff induction Covid related training
Tuesday 1/9	Staff training: NCSE training -how to support students with ASD
Wednesday 2/9	Revised curriculum planning day for staff
Thurs 3/9	6 <sup>th</sup> years students only; full day
Fri 4/9	1 <sup>st</sup> year students and 6 <sup>th</sup> year students only
Monday 7/9	1 <sup>st</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> students only (and any new student to Creagh, (other than first year students) 11:20-1:20pm)
Tues 8/9	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> year students only ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> years at home</i> )
Weds 9/9	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> year students only ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years at home</i> )
Thurs 10/9	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> year students only ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years at home</i> )
Fri 11/9	TY induction- All Senior students - 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> years only ( <i>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students at home</i> )
Mon 14/9	All Junior students - 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> year ( <i>4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> year students at home</i> )
Tues 15/9	All students in school

## **Return to School (September 2020)**

### **Bulletin No.1**

Please find below a list of some of the measures that the school has in place or is currently working on to prepare for a return to school in early September.

- A COVID-19 Response Plan in place
- Sanitizing stations for every classroom and entrance/exit will be in place
- Signage will be in place to highlight the measures that help to prevent the spread of the virus
- We will stagger morning break and lunchtime to help with social distancing
- Classrooms are being reconfigured to facilitate maximum space for social distancing
- Each student will be issued with 3 reusable face masks during induction. Where 2M social distancing cannot be achieved, face masks must be worn.
- Cloth face coverings should not be worn by any of the following groups:
  1. Any person with breathing difficulty
  2. Any person who is unconscious or incapacitated
  3. Any person who is unable to remove the face covering without assistance
  4. Any person who has special needs and who may feel upset or very uncomfortable wearing the face covering, for example persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, sensory concerns or tactile sensitivity. Please email this information to [creaghcollege@wwetb.ie](mailto:creaghcollege@wwetb.ie) with your son/daughter's name, class and year group.
- Toilet facilities are being adjusted to help maintain social distancing and hot water and soap will be provided in all toilets
- There will be 4 entrance/exit points for students
- Staff or students who have been abroad in 'non green-list countries' SHOULD NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL until 14 days after arriving back in Ireland
- As per public health advice "no person (child/teacher/parent) should attend an educational setting if unwell or any members of their household are unwell with symptoms consistent with COVID-19"
- Cleaning products to sanitize surfaces will be available in all classrooms
- An isolation room is available in school to accommodate students who develop/exhibit symptoms of Covid-19 while in school
- Please check in with the college website for further information and updates [www.creaghcollege.ie](http://www.creaghcollege.ie)
- Please visit DES website for further information [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)
- We are waiting further guidance from the Department of Education and Skills on how students in the 'very high risk' category can be supported. We are also awaiting further guidance on changes to the curriculum for next year, especially for exam years.
- It must be noted that we are in the midst of an extremely volatile and uncertain time, and everything we decide to do and every plan we make, is subject to ongoing review and change, often for reasons outside our control.

Updated information will be provided to the school community as it becomes available. Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a safe and happy return to school for all of our students and staff.