



11th March 2021

Fifth Year Return to School.

Dear Parent/Guardian, Students,

I hope that you and your family are well at this time. We want to thank you for your co-operation in helping your child access remote learning this term. It hasn't been easy on anyone and if you have any concerns about your child that you would like us to be aware of, please get it touch with your child's class tutor or Year Head, Ms. Peters (edelpeters@wwebt.ie).

I am writing to you to outline important details relevant to the return of your son/daughter to Creagh College on Monday 15th March 2021 at 9.00am. We are delighted to be welcoming back our fifth-year students to the building. When students return to school, they will follow the normal school hours below:

- 9.00am – 4.00pm, Monday
- 9.00am – 3.20pm, Tuesday - Friday

The 8.52am – 9.00am Class Tutor session will not operate until after Easter. Students are to go to their period 1 class at 9am each morning. The canteen service will not operate until after Easter. Students should bring Snacks, Lunch, Drinks. Buses will run as normal.

Student Returning to School Declaration Form

A declaration form must be completed for each student returning to school. This form must be completed by Parent/Guardians or by students 18 years and older. The link to the form has been distributed via text message and on student platforms in the school. Students will not be allowed enter the school building without completing this declaration and submitting. The form must be completed by 5pm, Sunday 14th March 2021.

Covid-19

It is important that the return is conducted in a safe controlled manner. Our students have excelled in their adherence to the Covid Measures in the school and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of these.

- Fifth year students should arrive before 9am in full uniform, wearing a face mask
- Students enter and exit through the entrance at the front of the school as before
- Students must adhere to the one-way system throughout the school
- Students must not congregate outside either at the start or the end of the school day.

Physical Distancing outside of the classroom

One of the times which poses most risk to students is at break times when students have to remove masks to eat. We would strongly encourage students to eat outdoors, at the new

picnic benches, or in the carpark and to be diligent about maintaining 2m social distance. **The new strain of Coronavirus is much more transmissible than it was when students were last in the school building so each student needs to be more aware of their own responsibilities.** Students will also be reminded of these procedures/measures within the school at an online assembly at 9.40am tomorrow (Friday March 12th).

We have updated Creagh College's Covid Response plan which is available on our website <https://creaghcollege.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/CreaghresponseplanFeb2021-2.pdf> Any updates are in yellow highlight.

Attending School

Students showing any symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend school and seek medical advice. These symptoms include;

- Fever/High Temperature (38°C or higher)
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- Loss or change of your sense of taste/smell.

Students are required not to return to or attend school in the event of the following:

- Students who have been identified as close contacts by HSE should not return to school.
- Students who live with someone showing symptoms of the virus should not attend school.
- Students who have travelled outside of Ireland – in such instances, families should follow the most recent advice with regards foreign travel.

Students developing symptoms in school should report this to their Teacher immediately.

Students and their families are required to co-operate with any public health officials and the school for contact tracing purposes and to follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school.

Further information on Re-opening of post primary schools is available at gov.ie

Access to school for parents

Parents/Guardians will only be able to access the school by pre-arranged appointment.

Parents wishing to contact the school should do so by email creaghcollege@wwetb.ie or by phoning 0539484035.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the school year with your continued support. We would like to remind you that our school will close on Wednesday, March 17th for St. Patrick's Day, and 29th March - 9th April 2021 for Easter Holidays.

We are delighted to be back in the school building. The people of Wexford have done a superb job in getting Covid case numbers down to low levels once again. We have all paid a heavy price in getting to this stage, but we must strengthen our resolve over the coming weeks to remain on this path. Never lose sight of the fact that schools can only operate in relative safety if the virus is at very low levels in the community. That is where you and I all have our part to play.