



Bulletin No. 4 – March 1st 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today is the beginning of Phase 2 of the phased return to school and we are delighted to welcome back our 6th year students. We also welcomed back the students in our special class on Monday February 22nd.

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.

Attending School

1. Students are required to self-isolate or restrict their movements at home if they display any symptoms of COVID-9 and contact their family doctor to arrange a test. The symptoms of COVID-19 are: a fever, a new cough, shortness of breath/ breathing difficulties, loss/ change to your sense of smell/ taste.

2. Students are required not to return to or attend school in the event of the following:
Ø if they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID 19
Ø if they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus
Ø if they have travelled outside of Ireland; in such instances students/parents are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel

3. Students and their families are required to cooperate 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.

The following are the details of the re-opening of our school:

1. School re-opens for 6th year students on Monday, 1st March.
2. If deemed safe by government, 5th year students will return to school on Monday, 15th March.
3. All other year groups will return on Monday, 12th April, again subject to government approval.
4. Remote teaching and learning will continue as per the school timetable for each year group that remain learning remotely.
5. All 6th year students/parents must complete an online Return to School Form that was sent by text message on Friday. The same will apply to all other year groups prior to their return.
6. The school canteen will not be in operation for the next two weeks therefore 6th year students will need to bring a packed lunch/snack/drink.
7. Everyone in the school setting must remember that the dominant variant of Covid-19 in the country now, the U.K. variant, spreads more easily than the virus that we were dealing with through 2020. Accordingly, we must all be extremely vigilant in following the public health measures to which we have become accustomed e.g. proper mask wearing, hand-washing, respiratory etiquette, social distancing.
8. We have updated Creagh College's Covid Response plan which is available [here](#) on our website. Any amendments made are highlighted in yellow. Please click below for amended guidelines for students and parents. [Back To School Advice](#)
9. 6th and 5th year students must do all in their power to maximise social distancing when they return to school. As many as possible should go outside during break times. Students must stay at least 1 metre apart when queuing for class etc. Students should only remove their masks while eating and should maintain the maximum possible social distancing when doing so. Students are encouraged to move to outdoor areas during breaks (weather permitting).
10. A detailed Guide to State Examinations and Accredited Grades for Leaving Certificate 2021 may be accessed by clicking [here](#).
11. Further details will be provided to 6th year students in the coming weeks in relation to orals, practicals and coursework.
12. A letter from the Minister for Education and Skills, Ms. Norma Foley, T.D., may be viewed by clicking [here](#)

13. A letter from the Deputy Chief Medical Officer to parents/guardians, may be viewed by clicking [here](#)

Please feel free to contact us with any query/comment on any of the above points – creaghcollege@wwetb.ie