

Response to FAQs for Return to School

This is an evolving document and will be added to over the coming days.

General Queries

1. All students are expected to wear their school uniform as usual. As per guidelines, there is no expectation that uniforms would be washed everyday.
2. Students will be assigned to a classroom as already outlined, and all rooms are set up with 1 metre distance between students, as per guidelines.
3. Students will be assigned a desk in their base room and in any other specialist/subject room they use.
4. The position of each chair has been marked in all classrooms. These must not be moved by students, as they have been positioned to adhere to 1 metre social distancing guidelines.
5. The area around a teacher's desk has been marked out and must be observed by students.
6. Upon leaving a specialist room students will be expected to wipe down their workspace. Cleaning materials will be provided by the school.
7. Movement to specialist rooms will be minimal and only as needed. All movement of students will adhere to guidelines.
8. With regard to face covering, masks not visors are required, as per guidelines. Please remember masks should cover the mouth and nose.
9. There will be sanitizing stations outside all classrooms.
10. Each year group is assigned a set/s of toilets which they may use. They are the toilets closest to each year group's assigned area. Specific information will be given to students on arrival.
11. Each year group will be spending a day in the school on their own (other than TY). This will be an opportunity for students to become familiar with their new surroundings and access. Further information will be sent to students prior to arrival.
12. While we have all missed each other we ask that students refrain from activities such as hugging, selfies etc and respect social distancing at all times.

Day to day Issues

13. The school will be open, as usual, from 8am every morning and students are welcome to arrive from that time. A student should go straight to the classroom for her first class without any delay. Each student should use the entrance assigned to her year group.
14. Students are reminded to maintain social distancing in the instance that they meet a queue at their particular entrance or exit.
15. Students should only bring a pencil case and some copies in their bag on the first day of school.
16. During the year, students for the most part will not be expected to bring books to school. Generally, students should only bring copies/refill pads in their school bags. The teacher will display the work content on the board instead of the student looking at their book.
17. No personal books etc. should be left in a classroom: all personal belongings should be taken home.
18. If students go to a specialist room during the day they bring their copies and bag with them.
19. Any subject change /level change requests should be emailed to info@loretomullingar.com This will also be the case during the school year.
20. The school journal will be delivered to students' classrooms. Under no circumstances should a student go to any of the offices to get a journal.

Break/Lunchtime

21. At lunchtime, we ask that students are either outside or seated in their classroom. Students may have their lunch in assigned rooms (seniors), base rooms (juniors).
22. There can be no congregating around toilets or on corridors at any time.
23. Students, as previously advised, should bring their own lunch to school and bring their rubbish home.
24. If students choose to go outside during lunch time, they are to remain at all times with their own year group.
25. Water fountains are not to be used.

Lates /Appointments/Absences

26. If a student arrives late to school she must go straight to the classroom. Obviously, the practice of *signing in* at the office is no longer possible. The teacher will mark the student's arrival on the vsware system.
27. If a student must leave early for an appointment, we ask the parent to email info@loretomullingar.com on the previous day if possible. Please outline in the email the nature of the appointment, collection time and whether the student will return. The relevant teacher will be notified. The student should exit via the assigned exit for the year group. We expect the parent to ring or email the office as soon as the student has been collected from school as this will replace the practice of *signing out*.
28. If a student is absent, we ask a parent to ring the office, as usual, in the morning or send an email. Students should not bring notes to the office on return from absence. Please continue to communicate with the school on each day of the students absence.

PE. Classes

29. P.E. classes will take place in the GP area, as the Gym is being used for other subject classes. This means that all students will have P.E. as timetabled. When weather permits, P.E. class may take place outdoors. Where more than one P.E. class is timetabled at the same time it may mean that a P.E. class will alternate from one week to the next depending on the weather.
30. Students may wear P.E. uniform to school on P.E days. In general, there will not be access to changing rooms.

COVID Protocol

31. There are two designated rooms in the building where a student will be brought if she is displaying symptoms. They are the boardroom and a room in the Loreto Lounge. The school is awaiting further clarification from the government with regard to protocols around a COVID case in school.