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Dear Parents/Guardian,

I hope you and your family are well and are enjoying the summer break.

The Return to School subcommittee of the Board of Management has been meeting throughout the summer to carry out a risk assessment and develop a strategy for the safe return to school for our students and teachers. The health and wellbeing of our students is of paramount importance and we would like to reassure students, parents and teachers that we will rigorously adhere to the DES and HSE guidelines for the safe reopening of schools.

Dominican College, Wicklow are putting the following measures in place to reduce the risk of infection:

1. **All students are required to attend school wearing a mask**, and should bring with them hand sanitiser (small bottle) tissues and wipes, in their pencil cases. If any student has a medical condition in relation to breathing, while wearing a mask, please contact Mr Martin or Ms Mynes. Teachers will use visors and masks in the classroom.
2. All students should have the necessary books and equipment for each class and will not be permitted to borrow from another student.
3. Bus Éireann have advised school management that buses will operate at full capacity and students will be required to wear face coverings. They will be assigned designated seats and students are requested to follow the instructions of the driver.
4. All year groups will be classroom based, in their own hub, with assigned bathrooms and separate entrances and exits.
5. Staggered break and lunchtimes will be introduced to reduce the risk of infection
6. In relation to school expenses please use easypayments (via the school website), if possible. From this year debit card payments will also be accepted.
7. Please ensure that students who use an iPad check their devices to ensure their iPads are working between now and the beginning of the new school year. Book lists are available on the school website.

8. Please note the following revised return to school timetable.

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> August	9.30-1.00	First Year return to school in Fatima Hall. Covid 19 training on how the pod system will operate Session with Tutors. Students will then return on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	9.15-1pm  10.00-1pm	Sixth Year return to school in Fatima Hall.  Third Year return to school in Fatima Ha Covid 19 training on how the pod system will operate Session with Tutors (for both groups) Students will then return on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.15-1pm  10.00-1pm	Fifth Year return to school in Fatima Hall.  Second Year return to school in Fatima Hall Covid 19 training on how the pod system will operate Session with Tutors (for both groups) Students will then return on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9.30-12.00	TY return to school. Covid 19 training on how the pod system will operate Session with Tutors Students will then return on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50-3.15pm	All students in school, as per timetable

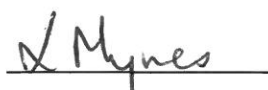
Please note that the Year groups will return on the day specified above and then the whole school will return on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September for the first full day.

We will continue to up-date you over the coming weeks with further details of new protocols and policies for the up-coming year.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the return to school, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Mynes or Mr Martin on [lorryainemynes@dominicanwicklow.com](mailto:lorryainemynes@dominicanwicklow.com) or [dp@dcw.ie](mailto:dp@dcw.ie).

We look forward to working with you and your daughter over the coming year.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal



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Deputy Principal