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23rd August, 2021

Dear Parent /Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well in these uncertain times. I am writing with a few reminders for the year ahead, but also to introduce myself as Coláiste Iascaigh’s new Principal. Having served as a teacher at Coláiste Iascaigh for 20 years, I am delighted to now be returning as the Principal. Together with the Deputy Principal Ms. Mc Dermott, the committed and dedicated staff, we plan to further develop our school and enrich the teaching and learning experience for your child.

Coláiste Iascaigh’s unique, caring, and welcoming atmosphere coupled with a history of superb teaching has always appealed to me personally. Our vision is to continue in this vein, but also to build on this solid foundation in the coming years ahead. I look forward to working closely with you in this building process and achieving the best possible education for your child and the community we serve.

Return to school dates are as follows:

Monday 30 th August	9.00 – 1.20	1 st Years and TY mentors
Tuesday 31 st August	9.00 – 1.20	1 st Years, 3 rd Years, 6 th Years & LCAs
Wednesday 1 st September	9.00 – 1.20	All Students
Thursday 2 nd September	9.00 – 1.20	All Students
Friday 3 rd September	9.00 – 1.20	All Students

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Coláiste Iascaigh school app,

Starting back this year we are delighted to launch our new school app. This app is designed specially to provide real time connectivity between you and the school on your smart phone or tablet.

Our School App connects parents, teachers, students and the wider community anywhere, anytime. The App provides you with an instant, single point of contact while enabling us to co-ordinate and manage activities in less time

The app is designed to provide you with notifications on late sign in and sign outs. It allows you to send notes via your smart phone to confirm absence from school, if your son/ daughter must sign out early etc.

The app provides a safe messaging service for school groups and reminders to you about upcoming events

You will receive instructions in the coming days from our provider Unique schools. These instructions will come via text to your mobile phone

Our Covid 19 measures for the coming year

Arriving / Leaving School

Parents are asked not to drive onto school grounds when dropping off/ collecting students. When students arrive at school in the morning they should go directly to their base classrooms. When entering school, students should sanitize their hands. There are sanitizer dispensers at each entrance and in the students' base classrooms.

Back to school Induction

Class tutors will meet with each of the year groups on their first day back and recap on the schools Covid policy and remind students of practices promoting their safety while in school.

Signing in Late / Signing out early

Students who arrive at school late / sign out early should have a note sent by their parents/guardians via the school app. Students still need to present to the reception area and when sign in late or signing out early.

In school appointments / School Guests

If you require a meeting with a member of the school management / teachers, please request this by calling / emailing the school. Appointments need to be booked in advance and visitors to the school must complete the Covid tracing log at reception.

Base Classrooms and Outdoor Areas

Like last year, each year group will have their own base classroom with designated seating. School lunches will be delivered to each of the student's base classrooms. School lunches consist of either a sandwich or a wrap, fruit and a drink. We encourage students to avail of the fully funded school lunch. Students must eat their lunch in their base classroom and are not allowed to eat food outdoors. Each year group will have a designated outdoor area also. Students will once again have access to their lockers and their books have been organised for them and are in their lockers.

School Uniform and Masks

It is essential that students wear full school uniform only. Students are allowed to wear our school jacket in class; however, students will not be permitted to wear any jacket / outerwear which is not the school jacket in school and will asked to remove them. On days when students are timetabled for PE, they may remain in their PE uniform for the entire day.

Face coverings

Like last year students must wear suitable and appropriate face masks to school and while on school transport. Students may remove their face mask to eat / drink at break and lunch times. Students should have a plastic zip lock bag to store their face mask when it is not being worn.

Where a distance of 2m can be maintained students will not be required to wear their face mask. For this reason, we encourage students to take the opportunity to go to their designated area outdoors during break and lunch to benefit from mask free time.

Cloth face masks should be washed daily. Students are encouraged to bring a spare face mask with them to school also.

High Risk Students

If you have concerns or worries about your child's health and their return to school, can you, please contact the school colaisteiascaigh@msletb.ie Our main priority is ensuring that your child returns to a safe and supportive learning environment. Please do not hesitate to contact the school colaisteiascaigh@msletb.ie with any queries and we will respond as soon as possible.

Students returning from abroad

We ask that all students returning from abroad seek up-to-date government guidelines relating to the country from which they are returning from. These students must not return to school until their required quarantine period has expired.

We thank you for your continued support throughout this challenging time. We look forward to a successful school year in Coláiste Iascaigh where in conjunction with our education partners, we are committed to providing an environment where each student is cherished equally and is nurtured to a personal, intellectual and moral maturity.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Coggins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Thomas Coggins

Principal