

## Information for Secondary Phase families – September 2020

### Safety Controls

The Government Guidance sets out five safety controls in relation to school openings. How each of these controls are implemented into school settings will be context specific. How these safety controls will be implemented at CMCS is explained below. It is important home and school work together to keep the school community safe.

All information follows current guidance and advice. However, this is subject to change, therefore we will review and where suitable amend the information as and when necessary.

- *‘A requirement that people who are ill stay at home’* – if a pupil, or someone they live with, has COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them into school. You must get a COVID-19 test. If the result is negative, you may return to school. Symptoms include:
  - High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
  - New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
  - Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.
- *‘Robust hand and respiratory hygiene’*- there will be hand sanitiser stations at regular key locations around the school site. Pupils must hand sanitise on arrival and departure from school, before and after eating and when returning to lessons after break and lunchtime. Pupils are welcome to bring their own hand sanitiser to school with them.
- *‘Enhanced cleaning arrangements’* – School is implementing enhanced cleaning of regularly touched surfaces, toilets, contact points and equipment, including regular deep cleaning.
- *‘Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach’* – tissues will be available in all classrooms and good hygiene habits will be frequently encouraged for all pupils.
- *‘Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable’* – Pupils will be placed in year group bubbles and will be based in areas specifically for those year groups across the school building.

## **Arrangements for Year Group areas**

All pupils in years 7-11 will be assigned a specific part of the school building that their year group, and only their year group, will remain in for their learning. Year group 'bubbles' will also access their break and lunchtimes, as well as access to food and refreshments, in a section of the school assigned to their year group only.

## **Face coverings**

If travelling to school by service or school bus, pupils must wear a face covering. As pupils will not be taught with, have recreational time with, or pass on corridors any pupils from outside their year group 'bubble', face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom but are an option for pupils if they wish. Adults in school will be following Government guidance to maintain social distancing measures wherever possible and may choose to wear a visor.

## **Coaching**

Coaching groups will be able to meet once a fortnight with social distancing measures in place. Additionally, there will be three Class Coaching sessions run throughout the week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) where pupils will meet in year group circles with a class coach. You should continue to contact your child's usual coach if you have any questions or queries.

## **Transport**

School buses will run to the usual times and routes. As per Government guidance, please ensure that your child has a face covering to wear and that you have discussed with them how to remove and put on their face covering hygienically. Pupils are encouraged to cycle or walk to school wherever possible and practicable.

## **Flexible Learning**

We look forward to being able to commence the running of activities after school for pupils. This will initially be based on year group sports activities although we will be widening the offer into other activities as the term progresses. More information about this will be shared with your child when they return to school.

## **Breaks and lunchtimes**

Pupils will remain in their year group 'bubbles' for their break and lunchtimes. A choice of hot and cold food will be available using the usual biometric system. We are trying to reduce significantly cash onsite and therefore would encourage all families to add money to their child's account via the Parent Pay system online.

## **Re-introduction for pupils**

Pupils will have an assembly when they return to school within their year group 'bubble' where they will receive information about their year group's area, break and lunch arrangements as well as other

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processes and protocols around hygiene and sanitising. They will also spend part of their first morning in their new class coaching circle to check in with them and reassure them about their return to school.

### **Visitors on site**

Unfortunately, we are not able to allow visitors onto the school site unless you have a pre-arranged appointment. Please note that this includes the dropping off and collection of pupils. If you wish to meet with a member of staff, please call the school office to make an appointment.

### **Further Learning**

Further Learning will continue to be set for all pupils. We appreciate and understand that pupils may have some anxiety about their progress and academic studies. Further Learning will be set to support their progress and development of good learning habits. Please discuss with your child the Further Learning they have been given the opportunity to complete and encourage them to engage with this support.