

Eolas do Dhaltaí/Thuismitheoirí Luan 31ú Lúnasa

Many changes will need to be implemented in the school day. Most of those changes are listed below and will be clarified for students in the coming days. We will also be discussing these changes with students to hear their opinions and receive feedback from them. We must at all times adhere to HSE and Department of Education guidelines.

Morning 8:35 – 8:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sanitize hands on point of entry to school.• Students must wear a mask.• Class-assigned entry point should be used.• Mobile phones should be switched off and placed in locker.• Students should prepare for the morning classes, as usual.• Students will be permitted to leave the classroom to go to their assigned break-time zone.• Students must be on time. No later than 8:50 am.
Wearing a Mask (Not a Visor).	<p>Teachers, SNAs and other staff and students attending post primary schools are required to wear a face covering when a physical distance of 2 metres from other staff and students cannot be maintained.</p> <p>Cloth face coverings should not be worn by any of the following groups:</p> <p>any person with difficulty breathing</p> <p>any person who is unconscious or incapacitated</p> <p>any person who is unable to remove the face covering without assistance</p> <p>any person who has special needs and who may feel upset or very uncomfortable wearing the face covering. For example: persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, sensory concerns or tactile sensitivity</p> <p>Wearing a mask; https://youtu.be/OBR0udolaiY</p>
Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each student will have a named desk and chair in their base class.• No student should use another student's desk/chair.*• *5th/6th Years will need to use shared areas for some subject options.• If a student is using a shared classroom area, he/she should wipe down the desk/chair before using same.• On leaving shared classrooms, work areas should be cleaned again.
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra cleaning will be done by cleaner and caretaker during the school day.• Focus will be on high-contact surfaces such as doors, desks, toilets etc..

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms will be cleaned when not in use during the school day. • Classrooms will be cleaned again when the school day is over.
<p>What happens if a child develops symptoms of COVID-19 while in school</p>	<p>If your child develops symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 while in school, they should tell their teacher or designated staff member straight away. They will be taken to a designated isolation area within the school building. The designated area is between rooms 13 and 14 (new rooms) where there is also access to a toilet.</p> <p>The school will immediately contact the child’s parent or guardian to inform them that the child has symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>The child’s symptoms will be assessed to determine whether they require emergency medical attention:</p> <p>if emergency care is not required, the parent or guardian will be asked to collect their child/arrange for them to come home immediately (public transport of any kind should not be used), from where they can continue self-isolation and phone their doctor for advice on further management and whether COVID-19 testing is required</p> <p>if emergency care is required, the emergency services (ambulance) will be called and the parents or guardians will be informed without delay</p> <p>Appropriate cleaning of the isolation area will be conducted when the symptomatic child has vacated the room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child’s symptoms should be discussed with your GP. • A student should not return to school if there is any doubt as to his/her health symptoms.
<p>Break times</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should bring water and lunch for both breaks. • Students are not permitted to leave the school to go to the shop during the school day. • If a student forgets lunch etc a parent is not permitted to enter the building but should leave the lunch outside the school office to be collected by the student. • Each class will have a specific break time zone. • Students will remain with their own class group only. • Students will have the opportunity to remove the mask during the break. • Physical distancing of 2metres will have to be maintained (1 metre with mask) during break times. • These procedures will be supervised during break times but each student needs to accept personal responsibility with respect to the health guidelines. • Basketball, soccer etc won’t be permitted during break times for the time being.
<p>Lockers & Coats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockers will be available in the base classroom. • Students should leave their schoolbag in the base classroom.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coats should be placed on the back of a student's chair until further notice. • Coat hangers should not be used.
Mobile Phones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student's mobile should be switched off on entering the school and placed in the locker. • Students will not be permitted to use mobiles during the day. • There may be opportunities for students to use mobile phones during classwork if a teacher deems it suitable.
Moving between rooms	<p>The following rooms are used by multiple classes during the day depending on options or specialist subjects;</p> <p>11 – Computers 12 – Engineering/Metalwork 13 – Home Economics 14 – Woodwork/Technical Graphics 7 – Science 4 – Science 2 – SEN 8 – SEN</p>
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should not share equipment. • Students should have their own equipment such as pens, rulers. • Items should be labelled with student identifier. • A student's mask should have his/her name written as an identifier in case of a student picking up and using the wrong mask.
End of School Day	<p>1st & 2nd Years will be allowed to leave the last class of the day 5 minutes early, from Friday 4th on a trial basis to assist with social distancing.</p>
Visitors	<p>Visitors will be denied access to the school without prior notice and permission from the Principal.</p>
Notes/Contact	<p>Notes regarding attendance should be sent to oifig.scoilmhui@corketb.ie.</p> <p>Notes regarding a specific subject should be sent to a subject teacher</p>
Office365	<p>Each student should have an Office365 account. (1st years will receive their accounts this week). Teachers will be using Office365 to assist with teaching & learning and it will be essential in the event of another lockdown.</p>