**Return to school and Induction Information**

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your patience in waiting for the College Restart Guidance. We would like to advise you of the following information which is based on the most up-to-date guidance from the Department of Education which all schools received on Thursday 13th August 2020.

Full details of the College Restart Guidance are available on our website in the document entitled ***“School Restart: Induction Guidance for Students and Parents”*** which you can access on the Home page.

For ease of reference we have summarised the most important information below.

**Start Dates**

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| **Year Group** | **Start Date** | **Time** |
| **Year 14** | 24th August – Induction Morning  Timetabled classes will begin in the afternoon | 9.20 – 3.30 |
| **Year 12** | 24th August – Induction morning  Timetabled classes will begin in the afternoon | 9.20 – 3.30 |
| **Year 8** | 28th August – Welcome to Strangford induction  1st September – Induction Morning  Timetabled classes will begin in the afternoon | 9.30-12.30  9.20-3.30 |
| **Years 9, 10, 11 and 13** | 1st September – Induction Morning  Timetabled classes will begin in the afternoon | 9.20-3.30 |

**The college is closed on Monday 31st August.**

**All students will be in school from Tuesday 1st September.**

* With the exception of those who are exempt, it is mandatory for all students aged 13 and over to wear a face covering on public transport and it is strongly recommended that all students should wear a face covering on any form of home to school transport where it is appropriate for them to do so.
* On their first morning students will be met on arrival and directed to their form room for their Induction Morning by the Pastoral Team.
* Whilst not mandatory, a plain face covering is strongly recommended for all staff and students in the college in line with PHA guidance.
* Hand sanitiser will be available throughout the school and in every classroom. We would encourage students to bring a small hand sanitiser to school for their own personal use throughout the school day.
* Students should wear their full school uniform, including their blazer.
* On the days when students have PE they should come to school in their PE kit. This will avoid having to use the College changing rooms which will help mitigate against the spread of Covid-19.
* Week beginning Monday 24th August.
  + There will be no catering available in school.
  + Years 12 and 14 should bring their own break and packed lunch to school this week.
  + Friday 28th August – Year 8 should bring their own break to school.
* From Tuesday 1st September:
  + All students should bring their own break.
  + Packed lunches will be made available for all students including those entitled to free school meals.
  + We would encourage those students not entitled to free school meals to bring their own lunch from home where possible, until new canteen arrangements are settled. In the event that a student requires a lunch, a packed lunch will be available to order from the canteen each morning.
  + This is a short term arrangement only and the situation will be reviewed at the end of September.
* All students should come to school equipped with the items on the enclosed list. Due to current restrictions teachers will be unable to provide these materials for students so it is important that each student has their own, labelled equipment.
* Limited transport provision will be available for eligible students who require it in those year groups returning to school on 24th August 2020 with a full service resuming from 1st September 2020.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back for a new school year and working in partnership with parents to realise the potential of every student in our care.

Yours faithfully

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Principal