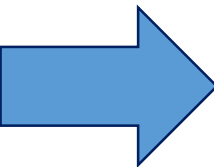


March  
2021

# SCHOOL RESTART



**INDUCTION GUIDANCE**  
**for**  
**STUDENTS + PARENTS**





# School Restart

## **From Monday 22nd March to the planned Easter Break\*.**

- The college will be open for face-to-face teaching and learning of students in Years 12 to 14.
- The College is not open for face to face teaching of students in Years 8-11. The College will accommodate students from these year groups who are vulnerable or who are the children of key workers for supervised learning, and will support remote learning for all other pupils.

## **After Easter**

- The college will plan to open for face to face teaching and learning of Year 12, 13 and 14 students who will be awarded qualifications in summer 2021 only.

**This situation remains under review by the NI Executive and is subject to change.**

**\*Easter Break – school will close at 3.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March and will re-open on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

# Our school environment



Strangford College has set strict guidelines for students on their return to school.

These guidelines aim to help students stay safe and healthy in their school environment that has changed significantly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

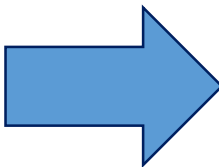
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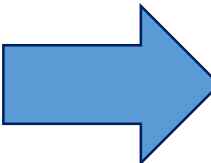


# Cleaning

## Enhanced Standards

The health and safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority. We will continue to monitor government guidance and implement any necessary changes as and when required.

We have been implementing additional cleaning protocols to ensure exceptional hygiene standards.



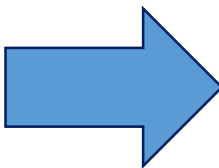


# College Routines

In addition to signage and limiting the number of students accessing toilets at any one time, we have put some other measures in place which we hope will ease your concerns.

**Students should take responsibility for their own personal hygiene and safety as they move around the school site.**

**We ask that all of our students work with us to ensure a safe and healthy school environment for us all.**





### **Hand Sanitisation**

We strongly request that all students wash their hands regularly, on arrival and throughout the school day (5-6 times)

### **Social Distancing**

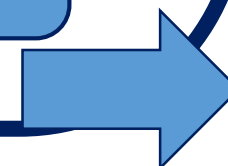
The College will endeavour strenuously to implement as much social distancing as is practical where physical capacity and curriculum delivery permit. Teaching spaces and signage are prepared in accordance with guidelines. Sitting directly opposite anyone should be avoided.

### **One Way Systems**

A one-way system will operate in the main building, the Science and the Home Economics blocks.

### **Ventilation**

Windows in classrooms will be opened to ensure a healthy circulation of air between and during classes. Doors will not be propped open for Health and Safety reasons.

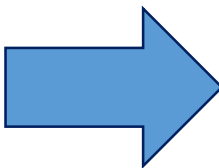






# Returning to School

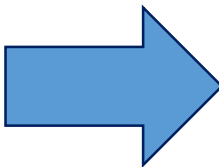
- The first day for each year group will
  - include a thorough orientation on the protocols for hygiene and movement around the school
  - be focussed on pastoral care, giving attention to the mental health and wellbeing of our students.
- As an integrated college this is fundamental to our vision for realising the personal, spiritual and educational potential of all our students and we will work hard with our students to repair some of the impact lockdown may have had on your child's socialisation, mental health and wellbeing.
- Happy children and young people learn and do well so getting our student body back feeling confident and happy again in school will be our first priority.
- If you have any concerns about your child, please speak to their, Form Teacher, Year Head or Mrs Nadine Dorrian Assistant Deputy Principal and Head of Pastoral Care in the College. All our pastoral and counselling services will remain fully available to our students.



# Arrival and Departure from school



- It is compulsory for post primary students to wear face coverings in school and at drop off pick up areas unless an exemption applies.
- All students will go immediately to their allocated registration room on arrival at school and will be supervised there until school starts. This will minimise interactions between students.
- At the end of the school day, teachers will release classes on a staggered rota and will escort them up to the bus and collection points to enforce the social distancing rules.

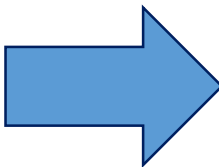






# Uniform

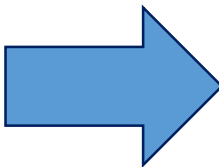
- When in school, full school uniform must be worn at all times as outlined in the uniform policy available on the College website.
- Uniforms should be washed as normal.
- On days when your child has PE, they can wear regulation PE uniform to school.
- During spells of bad weather a plain black coat/waterproof can be worn over the school uniform. Other coloured coats/ waterproofs, etc are not permitted.





# School Meals Provision

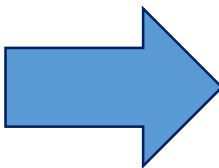
- From 22nd March until the planned Easter break, the school meals service will be operate as normal for Years 12-14.
- All key workers and vulnerable children **must continue to** bring a packed lunch each day they are attending school.
- We would encourage those students not entitled to free school meals to bring their own lunch from home where possible.
- In the event that a student requires a lunch, a packed lunch will be available to order from the canteen each morning.
- Packed lunches will be made available for students including those entitled to free school meals.





# School Meals Provision

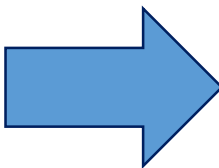
- Our school meals provision will operate a significantly reduced menu.
  - There will be no Breakfast Club in the mornings.
- Lunchtime will operate on a collection service where lunch bags containing sandwiches, etc will be delivered to classrooms.
- Children who are entitled to a free school meal will have the lunch bag options.
- Students will not be allowed to leave the school site at break or lunchtime.





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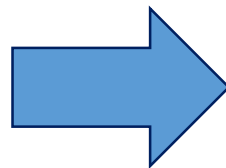
- Students will be able to go outside at break and lunchtime and will be supervised. This will be weather dependent. Students must observe social distancing rules at all times.
- The canteen will operate a cashless system.
  - Students will not be able to top up with cash at the office.
  - Parents should top up their account via Parent Pay.
  - We encourage those parents not already signed up to Parent Pay to please do so.
- Due to the concern of maintaining social distancing while queuing for food and eating at tables, students will eat lunch at their desks.





# Transport

- It is **mandatory** for post-primary students to wear a face covering on transport (medical exemptions may apply).
- There will be a publicity campaign to promote the use of face coverings within school settings and on school transport, and **spot checks** will be carried out at key points along bus routes.
- If you can make alternative arrangements to transport your child to and from school we would strongly advise you to do so.
- You must however not car share with people outside your household to keep in line with government guidance.

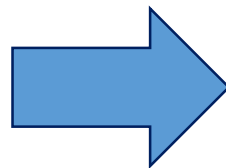




# Transport

- School transport will operate as normal from Monday 22nd March for Year 12-14 students.
- Transport for children of key workers or vulnerable students, who are entitled to transport assistance, will continue to be available from 8th March to the Easter break (with the exception of 17th March which is a school holiday).
- Any Key Worker or Vulnerable student who has received a 'bespoke' Translink service should revert to their normal Translink service from 22nd March:

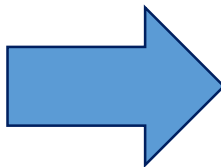
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# Practical Subjects

- Due to the risk of transmission of virus in sharing equipment and in the close proximity that students work in practical subjects such as Science, Technology, Home Economics, etc, these subjects will be delivered differently.
- Practical subjects will involve demonstration and theory only.
  - This will be supplemented by pre-recorded video clips of demonstrations/ practical work which will be available online.
- There will be no practical work.

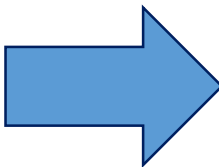






# PE (Physical Education)

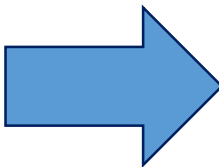
- In the interest of student wellbeing, there will be PE lessons.
- There will be no contact sport or ball games.
- There will be power walks, runs, outdoor circuits, outdoor aerobics.
- These exercise activities can only take place outdoors where students can easily distance and where ventilation is high.
- To avoid students being in close proximity in changing rooms, students will come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. This should include track bottoms and hoody, half zip or track top as they will be outside.



# ICT



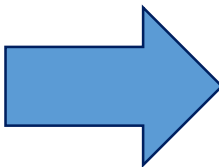
- Our Board of Governors have committed a significant contribution from the school allocated budget to purchase iPads to support our children in their learning.
- We have loaned all the school iPads and school laptops for student use and have been successful in applying for various grants to secure additional devices.
- The College Teaching for Learning policy has been amended for the duration of this health crisis to include information on blended learning.
- Our new Remote Learning and Teaching Policy outlines in detail protocols around remote learning with particular reference to the use of video conferencing platforms.





# Behaviour for Learning

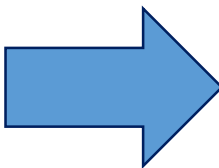
- Some amendments have been made to our Behaviour for Learning policy for the duration of this health crisis. The amended policy can be viewed on the College website.
- In the event that a child's behaviour results in the need for a behaviour sanction, we will not operate the C2 (a child has supervised learning over break/lunch) or C3 (a child stays after school for focus time).
- The policy states that the students will receive two warnings when they will have the behaviour explained and the opportunity to amend their behaviour. On the third instance the student will receive a behaviour point. If a student receives three behaviour points within a calendar month their parent will be contacted to discuss temporary removal from school for one day.
- In the event that a child engages in more serious behaviour where they deliberately cough, sneeze or spit at another child or staff member, the immediate sanction will be a period of suspension from school.



# Child Protection and Safeguarding



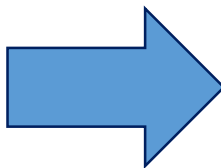
- Our Child Protection Policy has been amended for the period of this health crisis and the amended version is available on the College website.
- The policy includes reference on how to access counselling services for your child when they are learning remotely at home, as well as protocols for online learning, with particular reference to the use of video conference platforms to support learning.
- If you have any concern about a child, please follow the policy and make direct contact with a member of the Child Protection Team.





# Face Coverings

- It is compulsory for post primary students to wear face coverings in school and at drop off pick up areas unless an exemption applies.
- Face coverings are compulsory for students in classrooms, when moving about the school in corridors and confined communal areas (including toilets) where physical distancing is particularly difficult to maintain.
- Students may remove their face coverings when they are outside of school buildings.

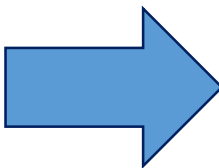






# General School Guidelines

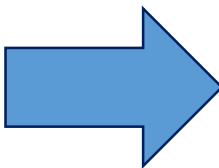
- Maintain social distancing:
  - 2 metres for staff – staff to staff and staff to students
- There should be regular handwashing and sanitisation by everyone on the premises (at least 5-6 times per day)
- Follow the arrows and the one way systems in place.
- One way systems should be strictly adhered to.
- Students will remain in classrooms as much as possible and teachers will move from room to room.
- Students must wear face coverings in classrooms, in corridors and in toilets.
- Face coverings should only be removed when students are outside the school buildings.





# General School Guidelines

- School will be cleaned regularly to prevent potential transmission of the virus.
- There will be extra face masks in all classrooms and anti-bacterial/ disinfectant wipes to wipe down areas.
- Hand sanitiser and handwashing stations will be widely available across the school site both inside and outside.
- Staff will maintain social distancing as students move around the school and when students leave class and between classes.
- Increased supervision will be organised to ensure students maintain social distancing.

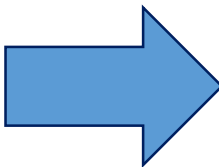






# General School Guidelines

- All vending machines will be out of use.
- Finger print readers will not be available as we will be operating a cashless school environment.
- Parents and carers should minimise their time on the school site.
- If a parent wishes to see a teacher it should be by appointment only.
- Visitors to the site will be kept to a minimum and be advised of school hygiene protocols.
- Risk assessments will be carried out and updated regularly.



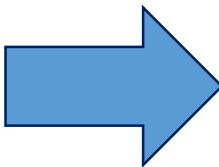


# Classrooms

## Different layout. Same feel.

Strangford College recognises that we have to redesign some of our classrooms and work spaces to allow everyone to follow government guidelines and to ensure their safety and well-being.

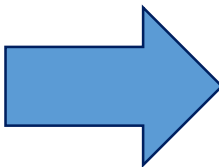
As mentioned in our “Cleaning” section, classrooms and workspaces will be cleaned nightly, paying particular attention to door handles, desks and chairs.





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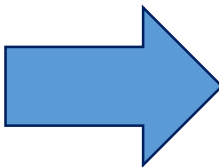
- Students should come fully equipped to school with pens, pencils, file paper, personal devices, etc.
- No equipment or resources can be shared.
- Spare equipment and resources will be provided for students who arrive to school without any.
- Textbooks, photocopies or handouts will not be shared
  - Textbook pages, etc. will be displayed on the board as far as possible.
  - Where possible, resources and workbooks will be digital.





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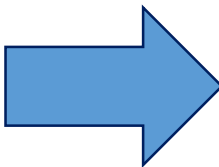
- Teachers will teach from the front of the classroom to follow the 2m social distancing rule that applies to all staff.
- There will be no 'at the elbow' support from teachers or learning assistants.
- Work will be submitted and marked electronically through Google Classroom.
- There will be no physical collection of work.





# Classrooms

- Anti-bacterial/disinfectant wipes will be made available throughout the school to allow for frequent cleaning during the school day.
- Students will be encouraged to use the anti-bacterial/ disinfectant wipes to clean the areas they are working at, e.g. desk, chair and other surfaces they have touched.
- Students should use the toilets designated. This will help with trace and contact in event of a breakout of the virus.
- Sanitiser points will be placed outside classrooms and toilets.





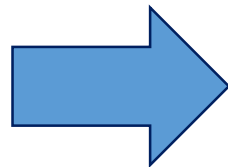
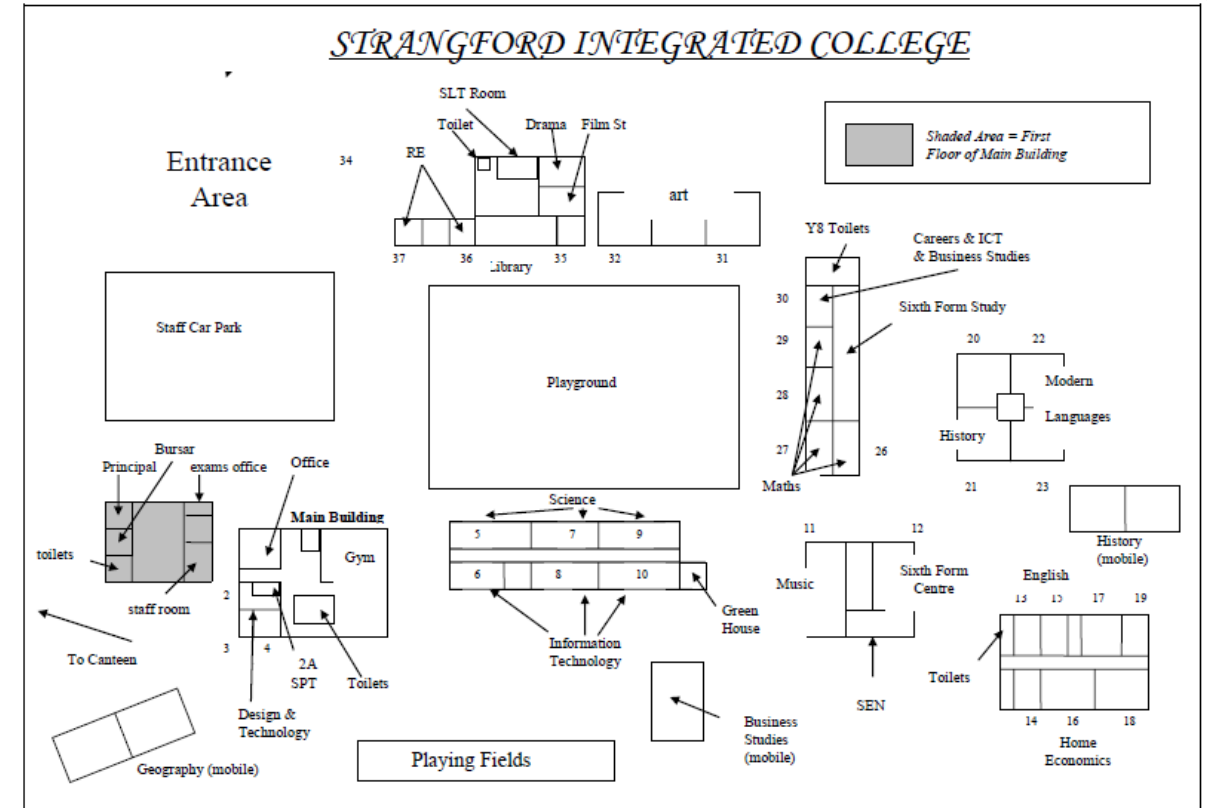


# Space Usage

We have reorganised rooms and other spaces around the College:

- to provide additional workspaces
- to allow students and staff to have a socially distanced work environment

Flexibility is key and we will work to support the needs of our students and staff as they arise.

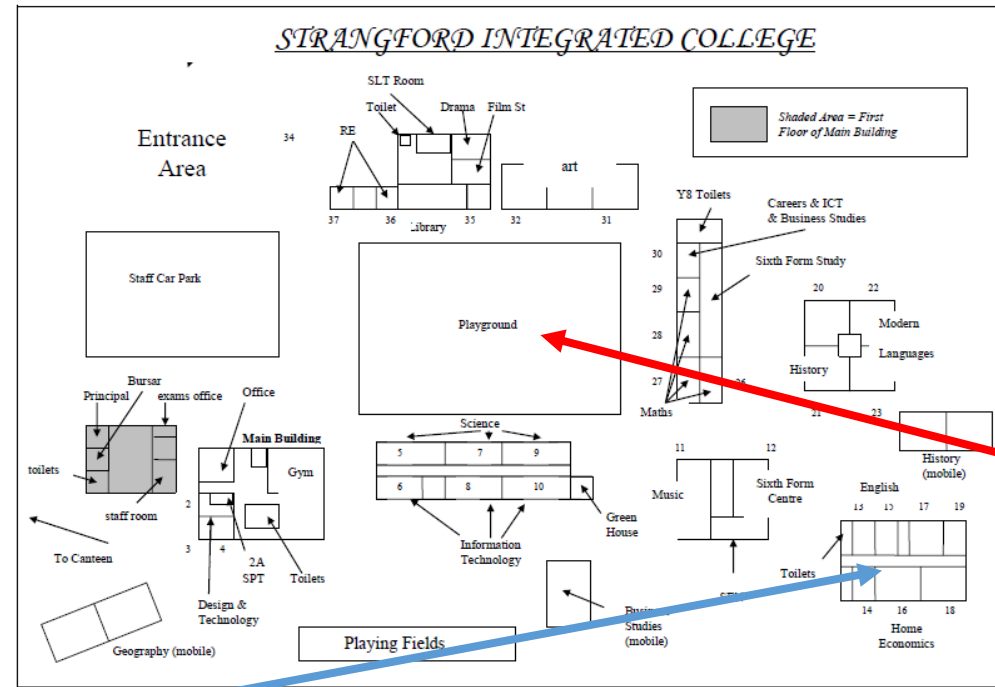


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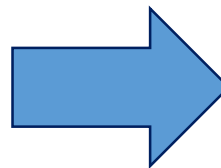
There will be self-contained “protective bubbles” with specific areas and classrooms designated for year groups.

To maintain self-contained “protective bubbles” there will be designated play zones outside for class groups at lunchtime.



Protective Bubble

Play Zone





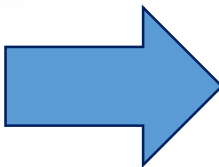


# A Changing Picture!

## **Different challenge. Same spirit.**

Things may change on a daily basis as we continue to think and plan in the best interests of our school community.

In addition to the guidelines we have set out in this document, we are constantly planning how we can do things better.



# Dealing with Covid-19



## A student displays symptoms in school

- In the event that your child shows symptoms in the form of a cough, temperature while at school, they will be brought to a well ventilated area and supervised by a First Aider.
- You will be contacted and must come immediately to collect them.
- You must then follow PHA guidance around self-isolation and must not send your child back to school until medical advice says it is safe to do so.

## A student displays symptoms while at home

- If your child shows symptoms while at home, or a member of your household shows symptoms, you must not send your child to school.
- You must follow PHA guidance and keep your child at home until medical advice says it is safe to send them back into the school environment

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Strangford College will continue to keep up to date on Government guidelines and PHA advice and will adjust our protocols accordingly. We will remain honest and open with our community as we move forward together.

# School response if a student displays symptoms during school time.

Concern raised by the student themselves or by an adult supervising.

Student is isolated immediately in school. Student's parents will be contacted.

Student must be collected immediately from school.

Mandatory period of Self Isolation

## Negative Test Result:

It is important to still apply caution. If everyone with symptoms who was tested in the household receive a negative result, student can return to school providing they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

Negative test

Parents MUST inform school of test outcome immediately.

Test MUST be arranged and must take place.

The family must engage with the Test and Trace process.

Positive test

**Positive Test Result: YOU MUST INFORM SCHOOL OF ANY TEST RESULT**

**All staff and students in this bubble must self isolate and take a test**

If a result is received on a weekend, families must email: [info@strangfordcollege.carrowdore.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@strangfordcollege.carrowdore.ni.sch.uk) ASAP.

# What if someone at home displays symptoms?

Isolate your child where possible.

Do not allow your child to attend school or other public places.

Mandatory self-isolation.

Inform school if your child is displaying symptoms.

## **Negative Test Result:**

If everyone with symptoms who was tested in their household receive a negative result, child can return to school providing they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

Negative test

Parents **MUST** inform school of test outcome **immediately**.

Test **MUST** be arranged and **must** take place.

The Family must engage with the Test and Trace process.

Positive test

**Positive Test Result:** The child must complete the compulsory self-isolation from the date of the test.  
Parent must inform school immediately.

## **What if I am contacted by NHS Test and Trace?**

Follow all  
instructions from  
the NHS Test and  
Trace advisor

Inform school  
immediately

If you are contacted on a weekend, inform school **by emailing ASAP:**  
**[info@strangfordcollege.carrowdore.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@strangfordcollege.carrowdore.ni.sch.uk)**