



St. Malachy's College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are now preparing to reopen the College to all of our pupils I am writing to inform you about our plans to do so.

Firstly, I want to thank you for your continued support over the past number of months during this period of remote learning. Each pupil and home will have lived through their own unique experience as they endeavoured to rise to this challenge and I understand that at certain moments the additional demands placed on family life may have been difficult.

However, as we return to 'face to face' teaching, this is now a moment for us all to reflect on what has been achieved during this period and for the boys to recognise that the resilience, talent and character they have shown during this time, will serve them very well in the future.

The first day for our Year 11 pupils will be Tuesday 13 April. The boys should attend in full uniform that morning, reporting to their registration classroom, ready to follow their time-table for that day (Week 2). Covid-19 still remains prevalent and so we must continue to proceed with caution and great care. I have attached the College's, '**Important Information for KS4 Pupils/Parents/Carers' Documentation**, for your review. Page two of this document outlines the KS4 Arrival and Exit Procedures, **indicating the start and end times of the school day for both of our KS4 Year Groups**. Please ensure you review the full contents of this document carefully with your son before his return to onsite learning.

Please be advised that there will continue to be strictly no access to the College site for parents/carers. Additionally, due to health and safety no parent/carers may drive into the College grounds to drop off or pick up their son. Where there is a medical issue, we may make an arrangement with you regarding this and you should contact the Head of Year to discuss. Arrangements previously agreed remain in place and no additional contact is required.

As was the case before Christmas it is important that we adhere to our agreed Health and Safety procedures and the boys must understand if they do not do this then it will be viewed as a serious breach in conduct and be dealt with in accordance with College policies. If you have any further queries or concerns please contact your son's Class Tutor, Head of Year Mr Cooke or myself.

As you know at the College we deeply value the close partnership that exists between staff and our parents/carers. Please continue to consult our various social media platforms and ensure that you have signed up for ParentApp so that you keep up to date with events and developments and can receive relevant documents pertaining to KS4.

Thank you for all the kind messages of support during this recent period of remote learning and for continuing to work closely and constructively with us at the College.

Yours sincerely

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