



St. Malachy's College
36 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AE



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Dear Parent,

Following updated guidance from the Department of Education, we have made the relevant amendments to our Covid risk mitigations.

- Face coverings are no longer recommended in post-primary schools. However, any student who wishes to wear a face covering may continue to do so.
- We have removed the requirement for a one-way system in all areas **except for C Block.**
- At break and lunch, students should continue to use the designated Year group toilets as directed and should remain in the designated areas at break and lunch.

LATERAL FLOW TESTING

In line with the Department of Health's Covid Test, Trace and Protect Transition Plan, asymptomatic testing in mainstream schools ended at the Easter break. Therefore, no further LFD test kits will be issued to students.

UNIFORM

During this final term, Form Tutors and other pastoral staff will be reminding students about adherence to uniform rules and applying our Stepped Consequences as appropriate. We would be grateful for your support with this. Some amendments have been made to the uniform policy and a copy of this is attached for your information. **Students must wear the College blazer and any type of hoody/ sweatshirt must not be worn to school.** Those students who wish to wear a coat may only wear the official College Overcoat.

Please also note the following two points.

HAIR:

Style to be acceptable in the judgement of the College authorities; neat; clean. (Styles not acceptable include: longer than collar length; no shorter than a No2 cut; too long at the front; spiked; dyed etc.). Hair longer than collar-length is not acceptable, even if tied back or up in any way.

JEWELLERY:

Jewellery must not be worn - this includes any type of earring or facial piercing.

PE UNIFORM

From Monday 9 May, all students will change for PE in school and must not wear PE gear to school.

We are delighted to report that our busy and full extra-curricular life has gathered further pace and continues to thrive, with already many recent successes in the world of sport, music and other projects. We thank you again for all your support as we continue to negotiate as smooth a path as possible towards normal and well-practised routines.

Yours sincerely

Deirdre McCusker
Vice Principal, Pastoral