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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students of Senior School & Sixth Form

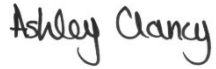
In addition to the communication you received this morning from me, we have now received additional advice from Education (see attached media release). It is with this in mind that **the following will apply from tomorrow** please:

- LFTs, not attending with symptoms and following Public Health advice remains, as already identified.
- Face coverings required (unless exempt) inside the building for Senior School and Sixth Form and all adults.
- There will be a return to 1m social distancing for as often and as long as is possible. (This may mean adjustments are required to the way learning is delivered, ensuring that it does not rely on physically collaborative activity. Consideration will need to be given to the delivery of practical lessons and where possible these should be delivered by teachers to minimise movement in classrooms).
- Classrooms will be reconfigured to support as much social distancing as feasible.
- Lunchtime Year Group zones will be reinstated.
- 1m distancing will be in place in The Core. Students eating in The Core should only sit with others from their year group.
- Classroom windows (and doors) should be open wherever possible.
- Students should wear PE/Games kit to school on the day that they undertake such activities to avoid unnecessary mixing and changing in enclosed spaces.
- Colleagues should not attend any off-site or off-island training activities during the working week.
- Parents/Guardians should not enter College buildings unless this has been agreed and are asked to continue to take an LFT, in advance.
- There should be no extra-curricular activities running at this time, including after-school clubs.
- There should be no trips and visits taking place at this time for students, this includes sports fixtures and other activities.
- Any events which includes bringing together groups of people from different families and year groups should be postponed. (Moana will be moved to after Easter, as happened with Mary Poppins last year).
- Sanitiser is available on entering the building and is available for use in classrooms.

- Cleaning materials are provided in each classroom so that desks and chairs can be cleaned regularly.

Thank you to all our community for working hard to adhere to these guidelines. Let us hope that they will not be required for too long.

Yours sincerely,



Ashley Clancy
Principal

Media Release

Date: 16 March 2022

Education re-introduces package of enhanced measures from tomorrow

Education is re-introducing its package of enhanced measures from tomorrow (Thursday 17th March 2022) to help alleviate pressures in settings because of the current wave of COVID-19 infections.

These measures have been developed in consultation with Public Health and are designed to support the priority objective of keeping educational schools and settings fully operational and therefore minimising any disruption to young people's education.

While there might be slight variations at each setting depending on their specific circumstances and operational needs, the suite of measures includes:

- All staff (primary, secondary and post-16) are expected to wear a face covering when inside school buildings, including in classrooms.
- All secondary and post-16 students are expected to wear a face covering on school transport and when inside school buildings, including in classrooms. Additional outside breaks will be worked into the school day.
- Primary school-aged students should be supported to wear a face covering if they want to do so.
- Schools may implement changes to drop-off and pick-up times to stagger the number of people on-site at any one time.
- Classroom bubbles will be re-introduced for primary schools where possible.
- Classroom bubbles will be introduced for KS3 (secondary school years 7-9) where possible.
- No school-run extra-curricular clubs or activities will take place for the time being.
- No whole-school assemblies or in-person events such as parents evenings (these will be held online where possible).

Schools will contact parents and carers to provide further information relevant to the implementation of these measures at their child's school.

Nick Hynes, Director of Education, said:

'This is undoubtedly a challenging time for education settings, which is also being experienced by other essential services and private companies, due to the number of

positive cases at the moment. A number of our schools and settings currently have staffing concerns and we all remain focused on managing disruption as a result of absences while maintaining our absolute focus of keeping settings open and delivering education.

‘This package of enhanced measures will be familiar to our staff, students and parents and carers as we are not introducing anything now that hasn’t been in place before. When we have had to revert to these enhanced measures previously, it has served us well so I’m hopeful that they can do so again as long as we continue to have the support of all involved in the delivery of education. I am sure that will be the case so I again take this opportunity to thank all staff and the community in advance for working with us to ensure these measures have the desired impact.’

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