



# Loreto Secondary School

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Dear parents/guardians and students,

I wish to provide you with the following updates:

## Covid measures

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) issued the following statement last Friday following the announcement of the lifting of most restrictions in society:

**“Schools will continue to operate with their COVID-19 plans, with all current protective measures in place, until 28 February 2022.**

**Further guidance will be issued to schools in advance of this date”.**

The school’s plans are to be found on [www.loretowexford.com](http://www.loretowexford.com) under the Covid-19 School Re-opening tab.

In effect, this announcement means that all current practices – particularly in relation to mask wearing, sanitising and social distancing – must remain in place until mid-term in February.

Between now and then, all students are asked to avail of every opportunity to receive Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters.

## Parent-Teacher Meetings

The final parent-teacher meetings of the year will be held as follows:

| Year Group | Date                      | Times          | Format          |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 4th        | Thursday, 27 January 2022 | 16.15 to 18.45 | Online          |
| 2nd        | Wednesday, 2 March 2022   | 16.15 to 18.45 | To be confirmed |

Parents are asked to comply fully with the instructions that will be issued ahead of each meeting.

## Homework Club

We are now operating a Homework Club for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students, as follows:

- Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- 15.10 to 16.00 – students may leave earlier if they must get a bus or lift home
- Based in Mathematics Room (R052) and Selskar (R057) classrooms on the ground floor
- Help provided by teachers in most subjects, excluding foreign languages
- This service is free-of-charge
- Simply turn up, no booking required
- Will operate until the end of May 2022
- Further details are available from Ms. O'Reilly or Mr. McGinnity (Deputy Principals)

## School Communications

Our website/app – [www.loretoxford.com](http://www.loretoxford.com) - is updated every week and contains a great deal of information about the school, its activities, support for all, and policies. You are strongly advised to view it on a regular basis so that you are familiar with what is happening in our school. Articles and contributions for the website/app will be most welcome and can be sent to [principal@loretoxford.com](mailto:principal@loretoxford.com)

We have also increased our social media presence in recent weeks and can now be followed on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. The teacher in charge of our social media for the school is Mr. O' Sullivan. He will be delighted to receive news items and photos from all members of the Loreto school community – staff, students and parents.

## Subject Choice – 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students

Students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years are being asked at present to select their option subjects for next September. Information talks are being given to students by subject teachers and guidance counsellors.

Information videos for parents/guardians have been sent to each student's email. Parents/guardians are asked to watch these videos so that they are fully aware of the wide choices that are available to Loreto students.

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students must return their subject choices to Mr. Mc Ginnity (Deputy Principal) by 09.00 on Friday, 4 February.

## Mock Examinations – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students

Details of forthcoming mock examinations for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students have already been posted to parents/guardians.

I take this opportunity to remind you that full payment for these examinations must be made by 09.00 on Friday next, 28 January.

As ever, please contact me if I can be of assistance to you in relation to any school matter.

Kind regards,

Billy O' Shea,  
Principal.