# Information for Parents/Guardians & 5th Year Students

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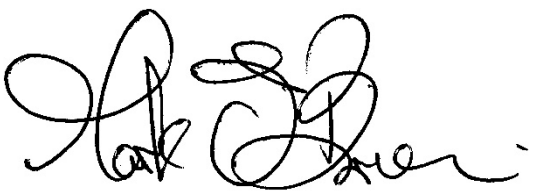
We applaud each and every one of our 5th Year students for their efforts in lockdown sinceMarch 12th 2020 and in particular since January 6th 2021. Each young man is a credit to our school, his family and more importantly himself. Well Done to each of you!

You are going through exceptional times, but I believe that it is bringing out your own exceptional talent, strength and resilience. As Benjamin Disraeli said, 'There is no educationlike adversity.'

As we return to the college it is important we look out for each other and do all in our own power to support, help and keep each other safe!

It has never been more important than now forus to live our values of Unity, Truth and Love.

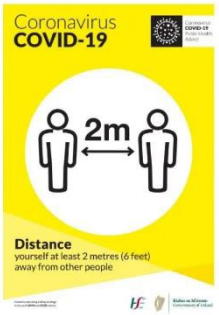
All the best to each of you in the coming months. If you need support in any way pleaseask.



## 1. Face Coverings

### Outdoors

Masks must be worn at all times where 2m social distancing is not being maintained.






### Indoors

Masks must be worn at all times indoors.

***Regretfully, for the safety of everyone in our community, repeated failure to follow this HSE guidance regarding face coverings will result in students being sent home.***

## 2. Declaration Form

You must complete the ***'Return to Facility Declaration Form'*** at the link below before your son can return to the college. This link was also sent by text yesterday. Click here to access.

## 3. Return to school Summary

# Return to School

**Summary for Parents & Students**

### COVID -19 Response Plan

This is a summary of the Key measures taken as part of the College's Covid-19 response plan.

The aim of these measures is to support students, staff and all members of our school community to work and learn in a safe environment where the risk of the introduction and spread of Covid-19 is minimised.

### Feeling Unwell

If a student reports that they are feeling unwell, they must stay at home.

If a student reports feeling unwell in school, they will be isolated until collected by a parent.

Symptoms of Covid-19:

- High temperature/fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- Loss of smell or taste or distortion of taste

**Contact**
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info@goodcounselcollege.ie
051 421182

### Arriving to School

School opens at 8:30am for all students. Students should enter through the appropriate doors as indicated by signage wearing their face masks, sanitizing their hands on the way and proceed to the relevant room.

### The School Day

Classes are still 40 minutes in duration and we have scheduled double classes in the majority of cases to restrict volume of movement. Lunch times will be different for Juniors and Seniors. Each year group will be based in its own designated zone. School days end on a staggered basis.

### In Class

Students will sit in assigned seats, no sharing of materials with each other. Face coverings must be worn. Hands should be sanitised on entry to the class and alcohol wipes used to wipe down desk and chair.

### On the Corridors

Students must follow the one way system as signposted. No congregating in common areas or corridors.

### Uniform

Students wear their normal school uniform

### Face masks

All students must wear face masks and where not possible HSE/HSPC guidance should be followed regarding exempt categories.

### Lockers

There are no lockers or facilities for the storage of books or resources in the college. Bags must not be stored on top of lockers or left around corridors. Students bring only the resources required that day.

### Leaving School Early

Parents collecting students should ring the office in advance of coming to the college. Students should be signed out at the office.

### End of the School Day

We will have staggered closure from 3:45pm each day. The school will be closed to all students from 4:15pm.

### Study & Extra curricular

There will be no supervised study/homework club or extracurricular activities until further notice.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

All contact with your sons teachers should be made by phone through the office at 051421182 or email info@goodcounselcollege.ie

## 4. 5th Year Return to the College.

We were delighted to have our 6th year students back on campus on Monday March 1st. You now join them. The entire school community will hopefully return on April 12th.

Some general information for 5th Years;

- Timetable is active from 9am on Monday morning. There are no changes to rooms or structure of your day.
- The guidelines published in August around one-way systems, breakperiods still apply. (Slight modification in Villanova)
- Normal expectations and standards around school rules apply including punctuality, mask breaks, uniform etc.
- For yours and our community safety you should adhere to all HSE guidance around hand hygiene[1], respiratory hygiene, cleaning of surfaces and social distancing.
- All classes on the timetable, including non-exam classes, are scheduled and should attended.

Further information from the Government can be found here.

## 5. Dining Room

You can pre-order lunch from the dining room as it was before Christmas.

## 6. Assessment between now and May 28th

We will give the 5th years an opportunity to settle back in next week and evaluate where they are at with regards to study and work.

In the week before Easter mid-term we will be in contact with you and your son to outline our assessment model until the end of the current academic year on May 28th.

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