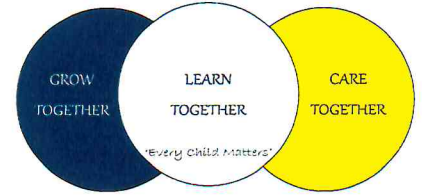




St Mary's High School Downpatrick

Principal: Ms R McLaughlin B.Ed MSc PQH(NI)



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29th March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Years 8 – 11 - Return to School Monday 12th April 2021

I hope you and your families all have a safe and peaceful Easter holiday. At the time of writing this letter Years 8 – 11 are due to return after the holiday. It seems like an eternity since your daughters were last with us in school for face to face teaching. I know that our staff are really looking forward to getting the girls settled back into school life and supporting them on their return. I have no doubt the girls are excited at the prospect of seeing their friends and getting back into a sense of normality.

On their return to school I would just like to remind the students of the following:

- school uniform should be worn with black shoes
- on arrival they will use the entrance at room 3 and go to their form rooms for registration for an extended period with their form teachers
- on the day that your daughter has PE she has permission to wear her PE uniform to school with her school blazer
- canteen facilities will be available at lunchtime
- the wash, mask and space still remain the most effective measures in preventing the spread of Covid-19

Face Coverings

Based on the current guidance at the time of writing this letter, it is compulsory for post- primary students to wear face coverings in the following areas:

- in school and at drop off pick up areas unless an exemption applies
- when moving about the school in corridors and confined communal areas (including toilets) where physical distancing is particularly difficult to maintain.
- on public transport or school transport it is mandatory for all post-primary students to wear a mask unless they have a reasonable excuse not to.

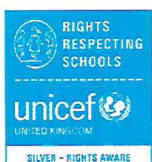
I know that you will appreciate that school is very busy first in the morning and I would like to remind you to drop your daughter off at a safe place outside the school.

We are requesting that parents do not drive into the school grounds to drop their children off.

We will be keeping all our procedures under review. We thank you for your ongoing support as we help the girls get settled back into school life.

Yours sincerely,

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