

## Coláiste Pobail na Mainistreach

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we look forward to our return to school tomorrow, we would like to wish all in our school community a very Happy New Year.

As Abbey Community College reopens, it is important that we renew our focus on the public health measures that will help our school community to stay as safe as possible during the coming year. We need to continue to work together to ensure we continue with all measures to best control Covid-19 and that we minimise the onward spread of Covid-19.

In line with public health advice, **please do not send students who are feeling unwell to school.**

We would ask all parents/guardians to refer to the advice from the HSE which is available [here](#).

As always, please contact your relevant Year Head to discuss any individual concerns.

### **Covid-19 Protocols: Masks, Sanitising and Social Distancing**

- Masks must be worn at all times indoors (please have a spare mask with you at all times)
- Students must follow the school's one-way system and walk on the right-hand side of the corridor.
- Students must use hand sanitiser / wash their hands as often as they can.
- Students must sanitise their desk, chair and any equipment used, before and after use.

Regretfully, for the safety of everyone in our community, failure to follow the guidance regarding our school's safety protocols will result in students being sent home.

### **School Uniform During Cold Weather**

- Students are encouraged to wear base layers to keep warm during periods of colder weather.
- Students may wear their school crested half-zip under or over their school jumper as an extra layer.
- **No alternative sweatshirts / hoodies can be worn in school.**
- If a coat is required due to low temperatures due to windows and doors open for ventilation, students can wear a coat (**not a sweatshirt/hoody**) over their school crested uniform.
- Students without full uniform must present themselves with a note of explanation from their parent/guardian to the Principal, Deputy Principals, or their Year Head before 8.40 am. For further uniform clarification, please click [here](#).

### VShare

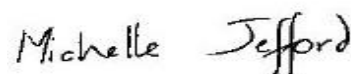
VShare is our school's management information system. We request that all parents/guardians download the free VShare app to view their child's school profile daily. **Parents/Guardians are required to submit absence requests on VShare in advance of full and partial days.** All parents/guardians received their log in details via text message. Tutorials and user guides are available on our website [here](#). If you still require further assistance, please contact the school at [info@abbeycommunitycollege.com](mailto:info@abbeycommunitycollege.com).

### Leaving School Grounds during the School Day

Students do not have permission to leave school grounds during the school day without prior permission from their Year Head, Deputy Principal or Principal. **If a student is unwell and wishes to go home, they are not permitted to use their mobile phones to contact home.** They must speak with their Year Head, Deputy Principal or Principal who will in turn contact home on their behalf.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school and we hope that 2022 brings us all happier, healthier, and safer times.

Yours sincerely,



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Michelle Jefford

Principal