

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Dear Parents / Guardians

We are looking forward to our 5th Year Students being back in the school building on Monday March 15th. In the interests of everyone in the school community and particularly in the light of the new Covid-19 variants, we ask for your strict adherence to the following important protocols:

- All students must have an up to date "Return to School" form completed before they
  enter the school building. This is found on the school app and is a very short form
  that must be electronically signed. If you are having any problems please contact
  Joanne Brock on jbrock@loretofoxrock.ie.
- We will return to our usual hygiene practices. Hand hygiene will be of upmost importance. Students need to sanitise hands as they enter and leave the school building, sanitise hands between classes and wash hands after the use of the toilet and at break and lunch time. Hand Hygiene is of upmost importance for both students and staff.
- Students will be required to clean and sanitise their desks on arrival in a classroom.
- Students must wear a clean mask at all times on the school campus. They can be removed to eat lunch but must be put back on immediately.
- Students must bring all food and drinks needed for break and lunch times. If your
  daughter has forgotten her lunch or a drink, please ring the school reception and we
  will organise something for her. It is not safe or possible for the school to accept any
  items delivered. Please respect this request as it is very challenging for our front of
  house staff.
  - The latest DES Guidelines put huge emphasis on good ventilation within classrooms and the school buildings. While the school will be heated, windows and doors will be left open during all classes. While 5<sup>th</sup> Yr. Students are back in school within the next two weeks, they may wear their school crested tracksuit. Once students return after their Easter Holidays on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, they must revert to wearing their correct full school uniform.
  - All 5<sup>th</sup> Year students, unless they have a medical letter to say otherwise, must return to school on Monday. Classes will be taught as normal within the school buildings.
  - Parents must be very vigilant in watching their daughter for any signs or symptoms
    of Covid-19. We ask you to err on the side of caution if you have any concerns about
    your daughter's health. Please contact Joanne Brock, <a href="mailto:Jbrock@loretofoxrock.ie">Jbrock@loretofoxrock.ie</a>, if

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you have any queries regarding their Covid Health.

 Parents who are dropping and collecting their daughters to and from school must stay inside their cars and wait in their cars, please do not congregate on the school grounds.

Finally, returning to school will be a special milestone and will restore some semblance of normality for our students and staff. It will be wonderful for them to see friends and teachers and engage in face to face learning and socialise with friends again – hopefully in the Spring Sunshine.

Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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