



9th April 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians

We are looking forward to our 1st Year Students being back with us in school on Monday April 12th. 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 Educational Facility Parental Declaration” 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 strongly emphasise good ventilation within classrooms and the school buildings. While the school will be heated, windows and doors will be left open during all classes. Due to the unseasonal cold weather that we are expecting next week **students may wear their school crested tracksuit for classes**. **Students will revert back to wearing their full school uniform on Monday April 19th**.
- **All 1st 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,



Jbrock@loretofoxrock.ie, if you have any queries regarding their Covid Health.

- Parents/guardians 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.
- We ask all parents/guardians to please be very mindful of all Public Health Guidelines in relation to returning from **travel abroad**. We need to be very vigilant with any student who is returning from abroad and trust that all families will follow the correct public health guidelines for at home isolation and covid testing.
- The school day will commence at 8.50am for all students and finish at 4pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 1.15pm on Wednesday.
- The school bus will resume normal service from Monday.

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

Bernadette Prendiville
Principal