



26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to our Staff and 6<sup>th</sup> Year Students being back in the school building on Monday March 1. 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@loretodoxrock.ie](mailto:jbrock@loretodoxrock.ie).
- We will return to our usual hygiene practices. Hand hygiene will be of utmost 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 utmost 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. 6<sup>th</sup> Year Students will be allowed to wear their school tracksuit, with either the black school leggings or crested track suit bottoms and their 6<sup>th</sup> Year Fleece if they wish. Layers underneath their school uniform are also allowed. Non uniform items should not be visible.
- All 6<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.
- We ask all parents to be very vigilant in watching 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@loretodoxrock.ie](mailto:jbrock@loretodoxrock.ie), if you have any queries regarding their Covid Health.
- Any parent, dropping and collecting a student to or from school must remain in the car, please do not congregate on or adjacent to the school grounds.


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Our teachers are now planning for the weeks ahead. DES Guidelines were issued yesterday in respect of the Leaving Cert and Accredited Grades. We will be in touch shortly with detailed information for you all. In the meantime, no canvassing of teachers is permitted. We will do everything to make sure the road ahead is clear to everyone. It will be class as usual on 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, 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Prendiville". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'B'. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Bernadette Prendiville

Principal