



6th August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope and pray this email finds you and your families safe and well. I am writing to you to give a brief update on our school's position in relation to the Roadmap For School Reopening released by the Minister for Education last week.

As parents can appreciate, opening our school whilst adhering to Public Health Guidelines poses significant challenges for the Board of Management and school management. Ensuring student and staff safety will be our number one priority and all procedures that are being put in place will be based on this principle. As a result, the school that students left last March will be different to the one they will enter this September and there will be some changes to the school building and daily school life.

I genuinely appreciate that students, parents and teachers are anxious to get back to school at the end of this month. As the school develops and finalises its plan, I will be in contact with you on several occasions in the coming days and weeks to update you on the physical and system changes that will occur.

The return to school calendar below outlines changes to what was issued earlier this summer. Please pay attention to the return date for your child(ren). As every school context is unique and as we evaluate the changes that will be put in place here in St Flannan's College, the process of reopening may have to be paused for particular year groups at short notice. I look forward to updating you of our progress in developing our return to school plan.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ignatius McCormack
Principal

Updated return to school calendar:

Tuesday, 1st September - 1st Year induction and class

Wednesday, 2nd September - 1st Year students class all day

Thursday, 3rd September - 6th Year return to school (1st Years also present)

Friday, 4th September - 3rd Year return to school (1st & 6th Years also present)

Monday, 7th September - 5th Year return to school (1st, 6th & 3rd Years also present)

Tuesday, 8th September - 2nd Year return to school (1st, 6th, 3rd, & 5th Years also present)

Wednesday, 9th September - Transition Year return to school (all other Years also present)

****Year groups will be returning on a staggered rota on their day of return. We intend to bring four class groups at a time. You will be informed of the exact time of the return day closer to the date.**

(Please note reopening may have to be paused for particular year groups at short notice, as we evaluate the procedures put in place)