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RE: Information from the Department of Education and Skills for Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you and your family are well. Here, in Davitt College, we are continuing with preparations for welcoming our students and staff back to the school building in the coming days.

Today we have received a request from Minister for Education and Skills, Norma Foley, to circulate information below regarding the return to school of post-primary students. The designated webpage www.gov.ie/backtoschool has been updated with new materials for parents and for students. These are designed to be age-appropriate and have been developed in consultation with children and young people and parents:

- Video for parents with key information on supporting children to return to school available [here](#) and [here](#)
- Fliers for parents – are also available for download [here](#). The HSE has prepared material on recognising symptoms, which complements the material from the Department on returning to school. This is available [here](#)
- Age-appropriate videos for children and young people at different stages. Videos for primary (both junior and senior level) and post-primary students are available [here](#)
- Resources in a wide range of languages. Many schools will enjoy a huge diversity among their student and parent community. To support these parents, we have translated guidance for parents at www.gov.ie/backtoschool.
- The Covid-19 World Service project has also consulted with the Department and has used our key messages to produce a range of videos in a variety of languages which your school community may find helpful – please see more at <https://nascireland.org/covid-19-world-service>
- Please see additional PDF Flier – Advice for Parents – for additional information from the Department of Education and the Health Service Executive.

Please also note on the following page contains the revised schedule for the return of all students to Davitt College. We look forward to meeting our students.

Yours sincerely,

Bernie Rowland

Principal

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Revised Schedule for the Reopening of Davitt College, August 2020

Based on updated advice received, Davitt College has revised the schedule of return to school for all students. This step has not been taken lightly and is made in the interests of ensuring a safe return for all year groups and to allow adequate time to deliver induction and familiarisation to all students relating to new measures and procedures in school.

First Year students are not affected by this revised schedule. Teaching and Learning will be delivered online for 3rd and 6th years for the interim period between their first day and Wednesday 9th September.

YEAR GROUPS ONLY LISTED BELOW ATTEND ON THE SPECIFIC DAYS		
Friday	28 th August	1st year students
Monday	31 st August	1st year students
Tuesday	1 st September	1st, 6th year and LCA 2 students only
Wednesday	2 nd September	1st and 3rd year students only
Thursday	3 rd September	1st and 5th year students only
Friday	4 th September	1st and 2nd year students only
Monday	7 th September	1st and Transition Year and LCA 1 students
Tuesday	8 th September	1st, 3rd and 6th year students only
Wednesday	9 th September	ALL YEAR GROUPS attend school from this day
<i>This schedule outlined above is based on current information and guidance available. It may be subject to change at short notice.</i>		

A comprehensive Covid Induction Programme will be delivered to all year groups upon their return. The full compliance of students with the advice administered in this Induction Programme is essential and all parent and staff support for same, is paramount and highly valued.