

Loreto College Coleraine

4th January 2022

Dear Parent/ Guardian

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and wish you a very Happy New Year.

I am looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Wednesday 5th January. Face to face teaching is our number one priority this term and as a school we will do all that we can to ensure that this is maintained; however, as you are aware the Omicron variant is highly infectious and therefore, we ask for your support in trying to make the College as safe as possible for pupils and staff.

- If your son/daughter is displaying any symptoms or is generally feeling unwell, please do not send them to school.
- Lateral Flow tests are advised on a regular basis.
- Masks must be worn throughout the school day- on buses, whilst on corridors, in classrooms. Please ensure that your son /daughter wears a mask to school, they should view a mask as another part of school uniform. We understand that some students are exempt, and this will not be an issue.
- We will try to keep rooms well ventilated therefore I would encourage students to wear thermal layers under their shirt/ blouse and a school jumper.
- Encourage your son /daughter to maintain Social Distancing wherever possible.
- Good hand hygiene is advised.

Hopefully by taking these simple steps we will be able to keep our pupils and staff safe in school.

As we face the uncertainty of the next few months, I would ask for your patience and support.

With every good wish for 2022

Yours sincerely

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