



Le Chéile Secondary School
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31st July 2021,

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to write to you about 'back to school' arrangements. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to the new term. As I am sure that you are aware the Department of Education are currently working on guidelines to ensure the continued safety of schools. We anticipate our Covid protocols will remain in place at the beginning of the new term but will keep you updated as we get new information. In the meantime this letter contains the timeline for the opening days and some important information to help make getting back into the routine of school as easy as possible.

School begins for **First Year Students on Wednesday 25th August. First Year students will be in school from 10.30am - 1.00pm on Wednesday 25th.** Your son/daughter will only need a pen and a packed lunch during the first week as they will be involved in a Welcome & Induction Programme. First Year students will be in school for **half days during the first week.** The opening and closing times for the first week are as follows:

School begins at 9.05am on Thursday 26th August and Friday 27th August and will finish at 1.05pm
School begins at 9.05am on Monday 30th August & Tuesday 31st August and will finish at at 1.05pm

From Wednesday 1st September school will begin and end at normal time. (Details included at the end of this letter)

School begins for **Second, Third & TY on Monday 30th August.** They will be in school as follows:

Second Year: 9.00am - 11.00am

Third Year: 11.15am - 1.15pm

Transition Year: 9.00am - 11.00am

School begins for **Fifth & Sixth on Tuesday 31st August.** They will be in school as follows:

Fifth Year: 9.00am - 11.00am

Sixth Year: 11.15am - 1.15am

This will give students an opportunity to meet with their tutors and receive their timetables & journals. There will also be a reminder re: Covid 19 protocols for the students on these first days. To facilitate the Belonging Plus Programme students in **second to sixth year** will be back to school for a full day on **Wednesday 1st September.**

- Students should come to school every day in full uniform. **Student must wear a school jacket to school – no other jacket is allowed.** The full school uniform for Junior Cycle students is a white long sleeved shirt, purple crested jumper, school trousers or skirt, school tie, **black socks** and **all black shoes.** Senior Cycle students wear a white long sleeve shirt with senior tie, or a revere collar blouse for girls, black crested school jumper, school trousers or skirt, **black socks** and **all black shoes.** If your daughter decides to wear a white shirt rather than the revere blouse they **must** wear the senior tie. **All school uniform must be purchased from the Schoolwear House.**

- The school has a PE uniform which must be worn for all PE lessons and extra curricular sporting activities. **No alternatives to the PE uniform are allowed.**
- **Students are not allowed to wear any make up to school.** Student can wear small stud earrings (one in each ear) and a watch. No other jewellery is allowed. Students may not have any other facial piercings and no visible tattoos. **Students are not allowed to wear nail varnish.** For Health and Safety reasons **acrylic nails and nail extensions are not allowed in school.** Hair should be a natural colour and hair accessories must be discreet and match the school uniform. No hair shaving designs are allowed.
- A uniform hijab is available through the school office at a cost of €4. This is part of the school uniform. No other hijab is allowed.
- In line with our school Healthy Eating Policy students need to bring a healthy lunch to school and some water. Students may not leave the school grounds at any time during the school day including lunchtime.
- Students should bring their iPad, fully charged to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Any student who has broken their link with wriggle over the summer will be charged a €10 reconnection fee. They will not be allowed to use their iPad in school until they are reconnected. A reminder to 5th Year parents that the iPad licence must be renewed with Wriggle before the beginning of the new school year.
- All parents are issued with a VSware password. Please keep this password safe, should this password need to be re-issued a €1 admin charge will be made.
- The school will no longer request a voluntary contribution from parents. All students must pay an administration fee for attendance at Le Chéile Secondary School of €100 for one child, €150 for two children & €200 for three or more children. This will contribute towards the cost of the journal, student insurance cover, schoology, text messaging system to parents, parents evening booking system, photocopying, postage & printing of school reports, the co-curricular and extra curricular programme.
- The school timetable has changed slightly for next year. Opening and closing times are as follows:

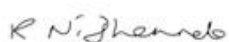
Day	School Begins	School Ends
Monday	9.05am	3.50pm
Tuesday - Thursday	8.35am	3.30pm
Friday	8.35am	1.10pm

Should you have any questions about this letter please do not hesitate to contact the school. Further guidelines will be issued in relation to the Return to School protocols over the coming weeks.

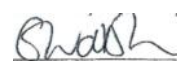
With every good wish,



Ms. Leona Harrington
Principal



Ms Róisín Ní Dhonncha
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Ms Emer Walsh
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