

Return to school September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The start of the 2020-2021 school year is nearly upon us and the school setting and set up will be very different to what we all have been used to.

It will be great to meet and see again (as much as we can with the masks on!!) all of the students returning and getting back a routine of learning, interacting and growing.

Hand sanitising and hand washing, room and furniture sanitising, classroom seating arrangements, face coverings (visors/masks), extra-curricular activities (sports, trips, etc), break/lunch times, canteen set up, lockers, one way systems, etc, etc are just **some** of the areas that have a different approach.

Students are returning in phases to allow to adapt and be 'trained' in on the new systems. There will be strict rules on the systems in place – in order that everyone is kept as safe and as comfortable as possible.

The successful return will require a whole community effort, and support of measures that are necessary and put in place.

In all of this, the health and safety as well as the mental health of all the community is the priority. It is important that any feedback or concerns is constructive and as solution based as possible.

A lot of the new arrangements are dictated to us from the government and Department of Education & Science and cannot be changed, but there will be ongoing review of all systems, and necessary changes or 'tweaks' will be made as we go along. The real test of the systems will be when students return, they will be observed and if necessary changed.

Information will be posted on the school website www.grennancollege.ie to keep everyone updated and informed.

We are so looking forward to meeting all of our new students and welcoming back everyone else. Good luck to us all and we will succeed together.

Take care and stay safe,

S. O' Sullivan