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ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

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UPDATES

FAO: Parents/Guardians and Staff

Under the Government Framework the following return to in-school provision on 1st March 2021 has been agreed:

Special classes at post primary to continue to attend full time and **Leaving Cert** classes to attend full-time.

Parents of students, (or students who are over 18 years), returning to school must complete the **declaration form** on the school website sjsb.info. **Complete and e mail it to the school secretary at zena@sjsb.eu.**

We must emphasise that **there should be no congregation outside schools during this phase** or at any stage.

A **RTW form** should be completed by all staff and returned to the school **before returning to work**.

Staff and pupils are to self-isolate or restrict their movements at home if they display any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and contact their family doctor to arrange a test.

Staff and pupils are not to return to or attend school in the event of the following:

- If in the past 14 days, they have been in contact with a person who is a confirmed/suspected case of COVID-19.
- if they are identified by the HSE as a **close contact** of a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- if they live **with someone who has symptoms** of the virus.
- If they **have travelled outside of Ireland**; in such instances, staff/parents/students are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel.
- If they are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

Staff and pupils and parents are to **cooperate with any public health officials and the school** for contact tracing purposes and follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school.

Hand Hygiene

There is a requirement to use **hand washing facilities** after activities that are likely to soil hands, for example playing outside or certain sporting activities as hand sanitiser does not work on dirty hands, when entering and exiting vehicles and when entering and exiting school buildings

Physical Distancing in accordance with HSE guidelines is to be maintained.

Ventilation

The Department has published guidance setting out the practical steps for good ventilation in accordance with public health advice 'Practical Steps for the Deployment of Good Ventilation Practices in Schools'. The guidance sets out an overall approach for schools that **windows should be open as fully as possible when classrooms are not in use** (e.g. during break-times or lunch-times, (assuming not in use), **and also at the end of each school day and partially open when classrooms are in use**. The guidance provides that good ventilation can be achieved in classrooms without causing discomfort, particularly during cold weather.