

# Lisnagarvey High School

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*School Values*  
*Mutual Respect*  
*Success for All*  
*Meeting the Needs of Individuals*  
*Caring and Responsible*

*Principal – Jim Sheerin*

Ref JPS/HC

30 June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Following the recent published Guidelines by the Department of Education, and the further announcement on Thursday 27 June regarding pupil social distancing of 1 metre, the school will open for students in September on the basis of a phased return.

The Governors of the school acknowledge that it is in the pupils' best interests to have full-time school in normal conditions, and it is our genuine hope that, with easing of restrictions we will be able to do this as soon as possible, in accordance with guidance.

Within its restart policy, the Department of Education has enabled schools to start a phased return, where a blended learning programme of being in school and online learning when not in school, can begin. This necessity is due to the fact that many of our classrooms are small, and due to one metre distancing can only take a maximum of 15 children.

In August the school will be publishing the detailed plans regarding pupils' attendance in September, and will undertake to facilitate as full a return as possible, prioritising qualification and examination based classes.

First Year pupils will undertake their two-day induction on 26 and 27 August and all year groups will be back, albeit phased, on Tuesday 1 September.

I wish to ensure you that the health and safety of our school community is paramount. We will be purchasing thousands of pounds of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to maintain and establish hygiene routines and secure environments and social distancing for children and staff.

I would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child with their home learning. Parents and staff have put a considerable effort to enable online learning and help children's needs. The school has now completed three months opening for key worker, SEN and vulnerable children, which has seen upwards of fifteen children supported. I would like to thank you for your kind messages, positive support and patience as we have all endeavoured to over-come the situation.

We will be accepting all year groups back on our phased re-opening, and please be assured we want to get the children of our school back as quickly as possible.

I would like to send my best wishes to your family and to all our children for the summer holidays, and thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

JP Sheerin  
Principal