In response to the ‘Reopening Our Schools - Roadmap For The Full Return To School’ and in light of the need for all students to behave responsibly and to follow specific rules on their return to school during this Covid 19 pandemic, the following amendments will be made to the Code of Behaviour. Our ultimate aim, when making these adjustments to our policy, is to be able to keep all our students, families and staff safe while placing their wellbeing at the centre of everything we do.

*“A key element to ensuring that the school remains open is for everyone in the school community to continue to play their role in keeping the virus out of the school by adopting behaviours in harmony with these broad themes.”*

**The Roadmap sets out how schools will reopen for all students in August. All students are expected to return to school and failure to do so will be treated in accordance with The Education (Welfare) Act 2000.**

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**All students will receive instructions regarding the following changes in our day-to-day routines:**

The wearing of face masks is compulsory, at all times, when inside the school buildings.

There will be altered break times (10.30-10.50, 10.50-11.10 & 11.10-11.30 for break and 12.30-1.10 & 1.10-1.50 for different year groups), altered routes for arrival and departure from school and when moving between classes during the day.

All sharing of school materials (pens, rulers, books etc.) and water bottles is strictly prohibited.

Toilet facilities will be limited to a set number of students at any one time and each year group will be allocated a specific toilet block.

There will be no lockers for the foreseeable future.

Following school rules on hygiene, such as regular handwashing the use of sanitising gel before each class.

Expectations about sneezing and coughing etiquette.

Informing students about the importance of practising physical distancing.

**Any student not obeying these new rules will be required to work from home for the rest of the day. The year head/school management will contact home to explain the issue and the expectations.**

**Continuous breach of school rules will result in the student working from home on a more long term basis.**

**Remote Teaching:**

There is an expectation of high standards of personal behaviour and respect for all others with online learning and teaching which we insist students follow and encourage parents/ guardians to support.

Students will be submitting homework on Google classroom. The homework must be presented on time, in a tidy and organised manner. All communication is only permitted through students' school email addresses. Due diligence must be given to all homework assignments. Sanctions will apply for the noncompletion of homework.

The school will use a variety of platforms, including Google classroom, Google meets, Zoom and Microsoft Teams. If a student engages in inappropriate behaviour with remote learning and teaching sanctions will apply, in line with our School Code of Behaviour. The system of sanctions is carefully structured to ensure consistency throughout the school and that students, teachers and parents can feel safe and respected on this digital platform.

Minor disrespect or inappropriateness (this could be lack of formality towards teachers or rudeness towards other students online):

**Email/ phone call directly to parents/ guardians.**

Use of offensive language (not towards staff):

**Email/ phone call directly to parents/ guardians**

Use of offensive language towards staff, inappropriate or direct rude comment towards staff and students or recording of online classes:

**Email/phone call directly to parents/ guardians. Temporary banning of students from the learning platform.**

Any attempt to contact staff via social media outside class times. Racist, sexual, bullying or homophobic language towards staff and students:

**Email/ phone call to parents/ guardians. Temporary banning of students from the learning platform. Referral to the An Garda Síochána may be deemed necessary.**

In the event of a full school closure students are expected to engage fully with online learning and teaching. Attendance in online classes will be recorded on VSware. Unexplained absences from class will be dealt with as per our Attendance Policy which can be viewed on the school website. Absences will be notified to Tusla as per the Education (Welfare) Act 2000.

**Parents/ Guardians**

The guidelines clearly state that*“no person should attend an educational setting if unwell or any members of their household are unwell with symptoms consistent with Covid 19”*.

We ask parents/ guardians not to send their son/ daughter to school if they or any member of the family have a temperature or display any signs of the virus.

Parents are kindly asked not to come into the school. If we need to meet with a parent then an appointment will be made and the parent will be given a specific date and time. Students will wear their PE uniform on the day they have PE, this will give parents/ guardians an opportunity to wash the uniform. Otherwise full school uniform must be worn.

All students are expected to have their own hand sanitiser, face mask and sanitising wipes. This face mask must be plain.

**Health & Safety**

At Ardscoil Rath Iomgháin we place the health, safety and welfare of our students and staff at the centre of everything we do.

Any student placing staff or students' health at risk by coughing or sneezing in a threatening or messing manner will be sent home immediately.

**Detention**

Detention will now take place on Fridays from 1.30 to 2.30.

All communication with parents/ guardians regarding detention will be through email and VSware.

Failure to attend Friday detention will result in a Monday detention from 4pm to 6pm.