



10th August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian & Students,

I hope that you have had a safe and enjoyable summer so far and you and your family are keeping well. At the end of July, the Department of Education published the Roadmap for Returning to school which is available on our school website for your review. Since then the Senior Leadership Team in with the LMETB Director of Schools have held a number of meetings on the Bush Post Primary Plan for a full return to school and look forward in the coming weeks to outlining the main important elements of this plan with you.

There is no doubt that it will be a challenge for all school and classrooms that once held 30 students will now be limited to only hold 30, 24, 20 depending on their size. We are currently looking at the safest places to teach and learn for both students and staff to ensure the full return in line with Public Health Advice and the Roadmap for Reopening Schools. We are making every effort to redesign our school campus in order to adhere to these guidelines.

If, however, your child is deemed vulnerable due the health conditions or personal circumstances, we need to plan specifically around their needs. We already have a Bush Post Primary Health Register but in light of Covid-19 we ask that all Parents/Guardians of students that may be in this category to email the school bushpp@lmetb.ie with the subject title: **COVID VULNERABLE STUDENT**.

Please include a full description of the vulnerability in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic in the email and if further information is required, we will follow up with you individually.

Please note the following key points in relation to reopening in late August/September

1. Our focus for all students and staff upon our return is to establish safe routines and develop new habits in combatting the spread of Covid-19.
2. Instructions will be issued by the school in the coming weeks (drop off, entering and exiting the building, face masks, use of materials, hand hygiene, lunch time procedures etc.) must be **fully** adhered to.

3. Promoting personal responsibility at home and in school will be essential in protecting our school community.
4. It is unlikely that there will be a return of extra-curricular activities or after school study in the short term.
5. On the days that your child has PE, they will wear their track suit for the full day as changing rooms will not be available.

I will be in further contact with you in the coming weeks with further details and we will continue to send updates and links through text messages and our school website.

Finally, I look forward to your help and support as we endeavor to get Bush Post Primary School back up to full capacity for the 2020/2021 academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Joyce