



## ABBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

July 2020

Dear Year 8 Parent / Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

You will, no doubt, have heard lots of discussion in the media about the plans for the new school year. We received detailed guidelines from the Department of Education on the school restart programme and have been working on our planning since.

The Governors, staff and I are keen to have everyone back to school safely, as soon as is possible, but I am sure you understand that the current 1m social distancing rule will not enable the return of full classes to school every day. As directed by DE we are giving priority to Years 12 and 14 and other groups will be taught through a mixture of in school and online learning.

At present we are planning for the following key dates for Year 8:

- Tuesday 01/09/20: Year 8 Induction (9 am – 1 pm)
- Monday 07/09/20: Whole School Teaching resumes

It is my intention to keep you up to date as the situation unfolds but at the minute we anticipate all students being in school in full uniform for some time every week. It looks as though alternate days would be the best solution for now.

You will understand that the current situation means it will not be possible for school to issue shared equipment and materials in lessons, to minimise the risk of cross contamination. Therefore, all Year 8 students will be provided with a pack of essential items and materials for their own use.

I will be in contact with you again with more details closer to the start of term. In the meantime, I thank you for your support and hope you continue to keep well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

M Quinn  
PRINCIPAL



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### STUDENT EQUIPMENT 2020

Items required:

- ❖ Pens (at least 2 blue/black and 2 red)
- ❖ Pencils (at least 2 HB pencils)
- ❖ Rubber
- ❖ Sharpener
- ❖ Plastic Ruler
- ❖ Glue stick
- ❖ Colouring pencils/felt tip pens
- ❖ Highlighter pen
- ❖ Whiteboard pen
- ❖ Calculator: A simple calculator is sufficient for Years 8 – 9, but students for Year 10 and above will require a scientific calculator.
- ❖ A Maths pack of protractor, compass, ruler would be useful if you wish your child to have their own.
- ❖ Plastic A4 Document/Popper Wallet to keep their books/school resources in as it is a wipe able surface to carry in their school bags to reduce contamination.

Hand sanitiser and wipes will be available in all classrooms throughout the school. You may wish your child to have an additional small bottle of hand sanitiser and a small pack of anti-bacterial wipes for their own use throughout the day in addition to what is available in all classrooms/school areas.

Due to the uncertainty of the current health guidance, you may be required to replenish these items during the academic year.