



24 June 2020

Dear Parent(s)

We have come to the end of what I am sure you will all agree was a most unusual academic year. We didn't expect to be moving full time into the world of online teaching and learning in early March. It has been a steep learning curve for us all. When students return to school, they will have been out of the building for almost six months which is a very long time for them and for us.

We haven't had a chance to speak to students properly in quite a while and hope that they are all well and happy and enjoying the start of the holidays. It is hard to know what the new academic year will bring but we will prepare for it as normal and if there are any changes to normal routine we will let you know in August once we have been informed.

Results for students in first, second, fourth and fifth year are available on VSware so please log on to check them. The results are based on engagement with teachers since lockdown began as well as assessments, assignments and homework completed. We understand that circumstances have been different in every household as regards access to broadband, devices and demands on time. The information on all the work done during lockdown can be found in the student's emails and if they were unable to engage because of other commitments they will still be able to access the work now.

There are some students who have left items in their lockers and we expect to give them an opportunity to clear them out hopefully sometime in August once restrictions are eased further. We will be in touch with you all regarding this.

Holidays, dates for return to school and parent teacher meetings

In <http://www.sbc.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Year-planner-for-parents-20-21.pdf> you will find the school planner for next year showing holidays and parent teacher meetings.

Students will return to school as follows:

Monday August 31st 2020

- First Years (8:57 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)-Bus transport will not be available
- Transition Year (10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)- Bus transport will not be available

Tuesday, September 1st 2020

- First Year (8:57 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.) - Bus transport will not be available at 1:20
- Third Year (8:57 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.) - Bus transport will not be available at 1:20
- Sixth Year (8:57 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.) - Bus transport will not be available at 1:20
- Transition Years, fifth years and second years will **NOT** attend this day.

Wednesday, September 2nd 2020

- First Year (8:57 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.) - Bus transport will not be available at 1:20
- Second Year (8:57 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.) - Bus transport will not be available at 1:20
- Fifth Year (8:57 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.) - Bus transport will not be available at 1:20
- Transition Years, third years and sixth years will **NOT** attend this day.

Thursday, September 3rd 2020

All classes attend for the full school day (8:57 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.)

Payments due for your son/daughter

You will find details on the money required to be paid before the return to school in <http://www.sbc.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Student-Costs-2020-21.pdf>. For security reasons we have been advised not to accept these payments in cash. As with last year we will be using the online payment system – Way2Pay. You will receive a text regarding this payment in the next few weeks. **We will not accept cash.** We would ask that all payments be made before 15th July so we can ensure your son/daughter(s) acquires the books, exam papers and pre-papers they need. The school office remains closed until the last two weeks of August due to Covid 19.

If expenses are not paid, we will not be able to supply services to the students such as books, insurance, bus trips and so on.

School Uniform and Supervised Study

We would urge you to ensure that your son/daughter has the correct school uniform in September as we do not wish to put parents to any extra expense. All black footwear must be purchased and please do not purchase any track suit style trousers. If any of the female students wish to wear the school skirt, please make sure it is knee length. We would advise parents not to make alterations to skirts or to purchase them too short as we do not want to be responsible for adding extra expense to families by requesting a replacement.

All information regarding school policies are available on our website – www.sbc.ie.

Facial Piercings

Please note students are only allowed one small stud earring in each ear. Any other piercings are in breach of the school uniform policy and students are asked to remove them or be sent home. This is important as students getting new piercings are told to keep them in for a number of weeks. This is not an acceptable excuse for leaving them in while in school.

Leaving School Early

We would like to remind all parents that all students can only leave the school early if collected by a parent who signs them out in the office. A note will not suffice. We would urge you to keep these withdrawals to a minimum in the interests of your son/daughter.

Dropping off and picking up students

There is a significant health and safety issue around the dropping off and picking up of students outside the school. To prevent an accident happening parents **cannot** drive into the main staff car park to pick up and drop off students. Instead they must drive up to the top of the first car park, around the top and down where they can pick up and drop off their children or drop children just inside the school gate. In the afternoon the gates of the tennis court are open and parents may park

in there to wait for their children. We would ask all parents to be aware of pedestrians.

We are looking forward to meeting you all and your children soon. The best thing about St. Brogan's College is the people – students, teachers, SNAs, admin staff, maintenance/cleaning staff and parents. We have missed all the people and look forward to engaging with everyone in the new school year.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school. During the summer you can do this by emailing admin@sbc.ie or phoning (086) 4182057. We wish you all a very happy, enjoyable and safe Summer.

Yours faithfully

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