

# Lusk Community College

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# Coláiste Pobail Lusca

Lána Ráth Éanaigh. Bóthar an Rátha Mhóir,  
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5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Re: School Re-Opening, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Dear Parent/Guardian/Students,

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a safe and peaceful Christmas.

You will be aware that all schools are to reopen tomorrow morning, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January as planned. The purpose of this contact is to re-emphasise existing Covid measures and requirements and to highlight future possible arrangements which may be necessary to implement in light of the spread of the Omicron variant.

## Covid 19 Symptoms

Parent/Guardians please note:

**Students should not attend school if they have ANY SYMPTOMS of Covid 19 infection**

The most common symptoms include:

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Fatigue

Other Symptoms that are less common and may affect some patients include:

- Loss of taste or smell
- Nasal congestion
- Conjunctivitis
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle or joint pain
- Skin rash
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Chills or dizziness

Symptoms of severe COVID 19 disease may include shortness of breath, loss of appetite, confusion, chest pains, high temperature (above 38C).

Parents/Guardians/Students 18 or over, are advised to take a precautionary approach if any symptoms appear. In this case students should remain at home, restrict their movements and contact be made with GP/HSE as appropriate.

## Close Contacts

Where a student has been told by the HSE service that they are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid 19, they need to adhere to the advice on the HSE website in relation to restricted movement and testing. Information on this can be found at the link below:

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/testing/get-tested/>

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If a student tests positive for Covid 19:

- They will be contact traced by the HSE.
- They will be asked to provide a list of close contacts.
- They will have to isolate for 10 days from the date of their PCR test. They can return to school after this period provided, they do not have a fever/temperature during the last 5 days of their isolation period.

Contact should be made with the school office/Year Head to confirm the student's absence due to a positive test result and following the isolation period, confirming the date for return to classes.

Year Heads may be contacted at the email addresses below:

Year	Year Head	Email contact
First Year	Ms. J. O'Neill	<a href="mailto:joneill@luskcc.ie">joneill@luskcc.ie</a>
Second Year	Ms. Kearney	<a href="mailto:edithkearney@luskcc.ie">edithkearney@luskcc.ie</a>
Third Year	Mr. Higgins	<a href="mailto:dhiggins@luskcc.ie">dhiggins@luskcc.ie</a>
Transition Year	Ms. Singleton	<a href="mailto:csingleton@luskcc.ie">csingleton@luskcc.ie</a>
Fifth Year/LCA1	Ms. Murray	<a href="mailto:kmurray@luskcc.ie">kmurray@luskcc.ie</a>
Sixth Year/LCA2	Ms. O. O'Neill	<a href="mailto:ooneill@luskcc.ie">ooneill@luskcc.ie</a>

## Covid Cases in Lusk Community College

It is inevitable that cases of COVID 19 will arise in secondary schools as they are currently arising in the community. In order to prevent the spread of Covid 19 students will be aware of the following:

- Clean masks to be worn at all times.
- Masks should be replaced during the school day.
- All students to have their **COVID PACK**, containing spare masks, hand sanitiser, tissue.
- The school office will only provide masks to students in rare circumstances. Any student in the school building or arriving to school without a mask will be asked to return home following contact with parents/guardians.
- Social distancing to be practiced at all times.
- Hand hygiene to be practiced at all times.
- Safe cough etiquette to be practiced at all times.
- Follow one way system and other related rules/behaviours

Parents/Guardians should discuss with your child and be familiar with the LCC Code of Behaviour and requirements relating to Covid 19 measures in the school found [HERE](#).

Parent/Guardians are asked not to approach the school building other than by appointment. The school reception remains closed at this time while construction work is being completed. In order

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to make an appointment please contact the school office at 01 5130000 or email [adminluskcc@ddletb.ie](mailto:adminluskcc@ddletb.ie)

**In cases of emergency only, the school may be contacted at 086 012 5016.**

## Management of Staff Absence

It is the responsibility of Lusk Community College staff and management to ensure and provide a safe, well managed environment at all times. Given the high case numbers currently being reported in the community, it is reasonable to assume that the school will likely come under pressure due to staff absences over the coming period. While all possible measures available will be put in place to maintain in-person schooling, it may be necessary, over the coming days/weeks, that classes will be instructed to remain at home for a period with activities/online learning provided. It may also be the case that students/classes may be instructed to finish early on a particular day due to a teacher absence, where the school is not in a position to provide class cover. In this case, the class will return home and online learning will be put in place.

In such instances, parent/guardians will be notified, by the school office, by text message with the relevant information. This is the only means by which this information will be relayed. Students will not be told this information without the parent/guardian being informed via text message. The school will endeavour to provide parent/guardians with as much notice as possible where this is necessary.

The weeks ahead will be challenging for us all. Lusk Community College asks for your continued patience and support as we return to school in challenging circumstances. Our students have excelled themselves over the past two years and have done all that has been asked of them in difficult times. I trust all our students to continue into 2022 as they have done so in 2021 and 2020, representing their families, the community and the school with great respect and pride. On behalf of all the Board of Management, staff at Lusk Community College, I would like to wish all our parents, guardians, and students a happy new year and the very best in 2022. We look forward together with hope to the year ahead, working in partnership in the best interests of our students, your sons/daughters.

Yours Sincerely

Pat Cole