

COLE DE MER 2021 DETAILS | CANCELLATION POLICY

Dear Parent | Guardian,

Please find attached a detailed schedule of how we will operate Ecole de Mer 2021, so that it runs safely and allows our students a full EDM experience.

We have had to adjust class times and activities. Please read the schedule attached for full details of same.

In order to meet Covid-19 guidelines, Ecole de Mer has increased its staffing levels considerably (2021 Ratio of **one** staff member to **two** students) and we have also introduced hospital-grade antigen testing on arrival. Despite the significant additional cost of same, we have not increased the cost of our 2021 course.

We know that many of you were very disappointed that our 2020 courses could not run, and that you feel that this year, more than ever, Ecole de Mer, will be a fantastic experience for your child. Also, you have told us that this year, you feel, the EDM experience is more needed than ever.

- If you do **not** wish to proceed with your booking for Ecole de Mer, 2021, please advise us of same by email today, 14.05.2021. We will process a full refund of your deposit. We have a very long waiting list of hopeful students as 27,000 Gaeltacht places were recently cancelled.
- To proceed with your place, any outstanding balance must be paid by 19.05.2021. Failure to do so will result in loss of your place and your deposit.
- We strongly recommend that you limit your child's contacts prior to arrival at EDM to reduce risk of infection.
- Use of public transport is not permitted to arrive at Ecole de Mer. A parent or nominated adult must be present to bring the child home, in the event of a positive Covid-19 test on Sunday, prior to entry. There is no refund of fees in this instance.
- Course fees are non-refundable. However, should your child develop symptoms prior to arrival or be declared a close contact, we will allow you to transfer your child's place. Ecole de Mer needs to be informed of the change; however, all details of the transaction are between transferring families. Please note, that a boy's place can only be filled by another boy, and a girl's place filled by a girl.

- Students will need to be on site at 3.00 p.m. Sunday for antigen testing. Our hospital-grade antigen tests are conducted by a nurse. If a student refuses to take this test, s/he will not be allowed access to the camp. Fees in this case are non-refundable.
- On receipt of a negative result, students and staff enter the premises. Parents | guardians are not allowed to enter, due to Covid-19 guidelines.
- Should your child become ill | homesick or has to leave the camp due to a breach of camp rules, all fees are non-refundable.
- Once a student enters the camp, they are not permitted to leave. Should a student wish to leave for any reason during the camp, they must be re-tested before they can return. The cost of additional testing is payable by the family, not Ecole de Mer.
- Students are not permitted to use public transport to come to Ecole de Mer. A parent | nominated guardian must be present until a negative Covid-19 test result has been processed.
- Ecole de Mer can, if needed, cater for vegetarian (not vegan) diets. If your child is vegetarian, please notify us of same by 19.05.2021, otherwise we cannot facilitate.
- Ecole de Mer does not provide wetsuits, due to Covid-19 guidelines. It is recommended that students bring their own wetsuit | wet gear.
- Students must be collected by 2.30 p.m. on Friday. The cleaning and sanitisation team will arrive on site to begin sanitisation of the premises. Under Covid-19 guidelines, our cleaning team must enter an empty building. All students must be off the premises by this time.

Should you have any questions or queries on any of the above, please email Trish.McGrath@hewittcollege.ie