



10.03.2021 Letter to Parents from Principal

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well during these challenging times.

I am writing to provide you with more information on the return to school for pupils in Third to Sixth Class from Monday next, March 15th 2021.

We hope to continue with all of the successful routines as contained in the 'Plan for the reopening of the School' that were in operation during first term, (September – December 2020), so please note the following:

Starting and Finishing Times:

- The staggered school starting times and the staggered school finishing times for your child will be exactly the same as during first term (September – December 2020). The entry/exit yards and entry/exit doors will be exactly the same as during first term also.

Ms. O'Brien: 8.50 am – 2.30 pm

Ms. Clarke: 9.00 am – 2.40 pm

Ms. Ruane: 9.00 am – 2.40 pm

Ms. Cormican: 9.10 am – 2.50 pm

Ms. S. Mitchell: 9.20 am – 3.00 pm

Ms. Mannion: 9.20 am – 3.00 pm

- Pupils returning on Monday, 15th of March, should bring the following with them;
School bag, all school books, pencil case, lunch in a plastic bag
- **Return to Educational Facility Form:** This form is attached to your email. You must complete this form electronically on Sunday evening and email it directly to your child's teacher on Sunday evening. Your child's teacher will have emailed this form to you and you can email the completed form directly to your child's teacher on the Sunday evening. You may also download the form, complete it and your child can give it to her teacher on Monday morning. Parents who do not have access to I.T. facilities can telephone the school to arrange the collection of a form by hand between 11am and 3pm on Thursday, 11th March or Friday, 12th March. This form when completed should be handed to your child's teacher on Monday morning.
- **Parents/Guardians:**
Only **one** parent/guardian for each pupil in Junior Infants and Senior Infants is allowed into the yard when dropping a child to school or when collecting a child from school. Parents of

pupils in other classes must drop and collect at the school gate. Each parent should be punctual **and wear a mask.**

There should be **no congregating** of parents outside the school gate and any engagement with staff should be requested by phoning the school office and will be provided by telephone or online.

- There is a wide range of materials available for schools to support the communication with parents and students and to reinforce public health messaging. These include video messages from public health doctors on the safety of schools, posters and digital animations and videos. Please go to www.gov.ie for the section on 'Information for students, parents and families' where you will find a lot of extra information.
- Schools will continue to implement control measures and enhanced cleaning measures to minimise the risk of the introduction of Covid-19 into schools. One example of this is the fact that we have a total of 72 sanitising stations located all around the school. We will encourage and promote good respiratory and hand hygiene etiquette as well as physical distancing within the classroom and in the yards as best we can.
- Most importantly, please ensure that your child is well enough to attend school and is clear of all symptoms.
 - **Your child should not to return to or attend school in the event of the following:**
 - If they present with Covid-19 symptoms.
 - If they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.
 - If they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus.
 - If they have travelled outside of Ireland; in such instance's parents are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel.
- All parents and pupils are advised to co-operate with any public health officials and the school for contact tracing purposes and follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school.

Thank you for your co-operation in all of the above matters.

Patrick Coyle,
Principal.