



## **25.02.2021 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 Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class and Second from Monday next, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

We hope to continue with all of the successful routines that were in operation during first term so please note:

- The school starting time and the school finishing time for your child will be exactly the same as during first term (September – December 2020). The entry doors will be the exactly the same as during first term also.
  - Ms. Cleary; 8.50 – 1.30
  - Ms. Walsh; 9.00 – 1.40
  - Ms. McDonagh: 9.10 – 1.50
  - Ms. F. Mitchell; 8.50 – 1.30
  - Ms. Geraghty: 9.00 – 1.40
  - Mr. Whelan: 9.10 – 2.50
  - Ms. Glynn: 9.20 – 3.00
- Pupils returning on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 on Friday evening 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 deliver it by hand to your child's 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 Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. 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 and any engagement with staff should be requested through 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](http://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 to minimise the risk of the introduction of Covid-19 into schools, knowing the symptoms and how to respond if you have those symptoms, respiratory and hand hygiene, physical distancing within the classroom, physical distancing outside the classroom and within the schools.
  
- Please ensure that your child is well enough to attend school and is clear of all symptoms. Your child should **not** return to or attend school in the event of the following:
  - 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 cooperate 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.