

NEW PROCEDURES!

MORNING & HOMETIME

Attached is a timetable for the first few weeks. Please read it carefully. We have to stagger times to allow for safe entry and exit for all children.

- Parents are welcome to come into the yard (you are advised to wear face covering) and please remember to keep a 2m distance from other adults.
- When children come into the yard in the morning they will go straight in the door and into their classroom. They will not line up in the yard. Teachers will be in the yard to show the children where to go.
- Please follow the entry pathway and exit pathway and do not stop to talk to anyone on way in or out
- Children from 2nd to 6th class should be encouraged to go into the yard themselves in the morning especially after the first week. There will be teachers in the yard until 9.10 each morning to meet them and ensure they enter safely.

PARENTS GOING INTO SCHOOL

- We are sorry to inform you that parents will not be permitted to come into the school building. If you wish to pass on a message or arrange a meeting with the class teacher please call 01-8342433 or send a message or Whatsapp to 083-8822037
- If you do have an appointment to come in to the school you must wear a face covering and sanitise your hands when you arrive.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL ROUTINE?

- For the first four days each class will have a different start time and finish time
 - Junior infants will have a different timetable for the first three weeks.
 - From 7th September children from Senior infants to 6th can come to school in the morning anytime between 8.50 and 9.10. They go straight to their class when they arrive and the class teacher will be there.
 - From 7th September each class will finish at a different time. Children and parents must leave the yard immediately and not gather to chat.
 - No homework for September. We are just settling everyone back and focusing on good safety routines.
 - Children will not need to bring a schoolbag for September
 - No breakfast club for September
 - We can no longer hold assembly
- #### BREAK & LUNCHTIMES
- We will now have two 20 minute break times. Children can eat their lunch in the class before or after breaks.
 - The yard will be split in four. Junior infants to 2nd will go out to the yard together. 3rd to 6th will go out to the yard together. Classes are not allowed to mix in the yard.



WHAT ABOUT TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF

- All staff are fully trained on their obligations and on all the new guidelines and procedures
- All staff will wear face coverings in the school
- Staff must keep a 2m distance from one another.

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE HAS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 OR IF THERE IS A CONFIRMED CASE IN CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER?

- Please see full procedures on our website.
- We will strictly follow all advice from HSE
- Our school has a designated isolation room if someone displays symptoms during the school day.

HYGIENE & CLEANING

- Sanitiser dispensers around school and in all classrooms. Also soap dispensers and paper towels in toilet areas
- Increased emphasis on hygiene
- All commonly touched surfaces wiped down throughout the day.
- Hand hygiene strongly encouraged.
- Where possible items will not be shared. Any items shared will be sanitised between uses.

Our aim is to re-open the school in an orderly safe manner, while reassuring the children and making them feel comfortable, safe and relaxed with friends in the new school environment.