



18 Lúnasa 2020

A Thuismitheoir, a chara,

Tá mé ag scríobh chugat le heolas a roinnt leat i dtaca leis an fhilleadh chun na scoile.

It remains our intention to restart R2-R7 from the 24 August and to continue with the Induction Programme as laid out in my correspondence of 26 June 2020. However, I can happily confirm all children will be in every day from 7 September 2020. Arrangements for Naíscóil and Rang 1 also remain the same. As I am sure you will appreciate the children will be returning to a 'New Normal' and we must be prepared for this to change at any stage.

There will be no school meals until Tuesday 1 September and so children must bring a packed lunch. Lunches and breaks, including drinks bottles, should be sent to school in clearly labelled disposable packaging. For the moment, children should not come to school with a schoolbag or lunchbox. We will be introducing Parent Pay so School Meals must be paid for online, no cash will be accepted and you will receive more information on this presently. For those of you who are entitled to Free School Meals/Uniform Grant you must return your application form to the Education Authority.

There will be a one-way system in place where children must enter the school at the upper gate and go directly to their classroom. Teachers will greet them in their classrooms from 8:45am and under no circumstances should children be on the premises before this time. Everybody must exit through the school car park so it is extremely important that nobody drives onto the school grounds. Only children in R1-3 should be accompanied on to the school grounds by parents, no adults are permitted in to school buildings and we kindly ask you refrain from entering the reception area unless absolutely necessary. Please implement social distancing at all times.

On entering the classroom children will be required to wash and sanitise their hands and this will be repeated throughout the day. According to the most recent guidance, each class is considered to be a protective bubble and social distancing amongst children in these protective pods is not required. Interaction with children in other classes will be limited and I am conscious this may be difficult for children who are in split year groups but unfortunately this is how it must be.

All classes will finish at 2:00pm for the Induction Fortnight. Please be patient while teachers accompany the children from their classrooms as we cannot allow all children to leave at the



exact same time. Children must be collected promptly as they can no longer wait outside the office.

Above all, please continue to impress upon your child the importance of good hand hygiene and coughing etiquette. I am kindly asking that children's temperatures are checked before leaving for school and that this becomes part of their morning routine. Please do not send a sick child to school under any circumstances and be vigilant of the Covid 19 symptoms in your household and inform the school immediately if you are aware of infection in your home or with close contacts.

Uniforms must be kept clean, we are not insisting on a freshly laundered uniform every day if it is not an option for you but do ask they are washed regularly.

It is our intention to provide as full a curriculum as possible under what are very challenging conditions for everybody. It is so important that our children enjoy school, socialise and have a high quality experience. Our precautionary measures have been extensively thought through to protect our pupils, staff and their families. I hope you will support us as we work hard to implement them in the weeks ahead and navigate our way through a new system of teaching and learning. We are so looking forward to welcoming your children back and I assure you we will do our best to ensure they have a positive experience and I trust we will all work together for a happy, safe return to school for all concerned.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh bliain mhaith romhainn agus go dtiocfaidh muid uilig slán as seo le chéile.

Is mise le meas,

Deirdre Nic Suibhne