



Returning to School Information for Parents

What day will my child be returning to school?

We are staggering our return to school this year to ensure that everyone can be comfortable and confident with any new routines that we have put in place.

Monday 31st of August: 3rd-6th Class only

Tuesday 1st of September: 1st & 2nd Class

Wednesday 2nd September: SI @ 10am 1st--6th Class back to school at normal time.

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September: SI-6th all back to school as normal.

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September: Junior Induction Day on a phased basis over the two days. They can be accompanied by parents only. Parents will be contacted with further details.

Monday September 7th will see a full return for all pupils. Junior Infants will finish at 12pm.

What should my child wear to school?

Children should wear their full school uniform as school policy states and tracksuits on their PE day. To ensure best hygiene practices, please wash uniforms as often as is practicable and where possible children should refrain from wearing uniforms outside of school. Children should wear appropriate coats and footwear for the rainy days also.

What should my child bring to school on the first day?

Children should bring with them the books and equipment that they have been asked to provide on their booklists which were sent out earlier in the summer. Children should also take their packed lunches in lunch boxes.

Each child should bring their own hygiene kit, to include tissues and wipes. We are asking each child to bring a 500ml pump bottle of hand sanitizer which will be kept in school and used within each pod under the guidance of the class teacher.

Children should also bring with them a 'bag for life'. This will be used to store their coat and other outdoor clothing items.

Some classes have been asked to bring a box for storing their books in the classroom as outlined on the School App.

Does my child need to wear a face covering?

It is not recommended in the guidelines or by the HSE that primary school children wear face coverings. Staff will be wearing visors and or masks where appropriate.

How should I practice safe social distancing when coming or leaving the school?

Social Distancing will be a very important part of the process. We will be asking you as parents to maintain a 2m social distance whilst dropping off your child outside school entrances or when you do come into the building for appointments. **Entry to the school building will be by appointment only.** When entering the school building, we ask that you wear a face covering where possible and to use hand sanitisers at the door through which you enter. **We are appealing to everyone to refrain from congregating in any areas while on the school grounds and adhere to the drop off/collect guidelines.**

How should I drop off my child to school each morning?

We have planned a number of entry and exit routines for children which we feel will make the beginning and end of each school day as safe as possible. To make these successful, we will need your help to make them run smoothly.

In order to prevent congestion the children are asked to proceed to their classroom through the appropriate entrance which will be open from 9:05am. Please adhere strictly to this. We will need to operate a **strict drop and go system, and again urge people to refrain from congregating anywhere.** You will be asked to drop your child to the care of the many staff who will be at each door and then go.

<u>A: Arrival Procedures</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On arrival, all pupils to proceed directly to class through allocated route and door - no yard line up ● All classes to enter/ exit school building grounds through allocated door only. ● Pupils proceed through most direct gate to their allocated door on arrival. 	
Junior Infants - Ms. Grace	Enter grounds through front main gate Proceed through junior infant yard Enter/ exit building through JI door
Junior Infants - Ms. Kennedy	Enter grounds through front main gate Proceed through junior infant yard Enter/Exit building through JI door
Senior Infants - Ms. Fagan	Enter school grounds through front bottom gate Proceed across basketball court Enter/ exit building through SI door
Senior Infants - Ms. Gibbons	Enter school grounds through front bottom gate Proceed across basketball court Enter/ exit building through SI door
1st Class - Ms. Keena/ Brosnan	Enter school grounds through front main gate Enter/ exit building through 1st class emergency exit door
1st Class - Ms. Byrne	Enter school grounds through front bottom gate Enter/ exit building through 1st/ 2nd class (back door beside staffroom)

	door
2nd Class - Ms. Carr	Enter school grounds through front main gate Proceed through junior infant yard Entry through JI yard and through JI door to classroom
2nd Class - Ms. Hanlon	Enter school grounds through front bottom gate Proceed along top of basketball court Enter/ exit building through front 2nd/ 3rd class (door beside maths press/ under stairs) door and up stairs
3rd Class - Mr. Langton	Enter school grounds through front main gate Proceed across yard at front of school Enter/ exit building through front 2nd/ 3rd class (door beside maths press/ under stairs) door and up stairs
3rd Class - Ms. Phelan	Enter school grounds through front bottom gate Enter/ exit building through front 2nd/ 3rd class (door beside maths press/ under stairs) door and up stairs
4th Class - Ms. Moriarty	Enter school grounds through front bottom gate Proceed across basketball court Enter/ exit directly in to class
4th Class - Ms. Broderick	Enter school grounds through front main gate Enter/ exit building through new 4th/ 5th class door (beside Ms. Hanlon's room last year) Proceed out towards sch garden and along basketball court
5th Class - Mr. Keane	Pupils to enter / exit yard from basketball court to most convenient gate/ teacher to walk classes to basketball court Enter/ exit building through new 4th/ 5th class door (beside Ms. Hanlon's room last year) Proceed out towards sch garden and along basketball court
5th 6th Class - Ms. Farrelly	Pupils to enter/ exit yard from basketball court to most convenient gate/ teacher to walk classes to basketball court Enter/ exit at back of new build (4th/ 5th class door) Proceed out towards sch garden and along basketball court
6th Class - Mr. Fennell	Pupils to enter/ exit yard from basketball court to most convenient gate/ teacher to walk classes to basketball court Enter/ exit at back of new build (4th/ 5th class door by new stairs) Proceed out towards sch garden and along basketball court

My child is anxious about returning to school, can I walk them into the school?

We do understand that this may be difficult for some parents but we promise to take very good care of all of them. If you feel that you or your child may find this difficult please contact us. Please remember; your child's wellbeing is our priority and we will assist in whatever way we can.

What should I do if we are going to be late to school?

Please ensure that your child is on time every morning. We do appreciate that sometimes things go wrong in the morning, so if you do find yourself running late please contact the school and a member of staff will meet and accompany your child to their classroom.

Will the school be taking temperature checks in the morning?

We will not be taking the temperatures of the children in school. Please take your child's temperature before bringing them to school to ensure they are well enough for school.

What should I do if my child is displaying any Covid 19 Symptoms?

If your child is experiencing any Covid 19 Symptoms we will be asking you to keep them at home and to contact your GP for further advice. Common symptoms of coronavirus include:

- a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above)
- [a cough](#) - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- [shortness of breath](#) or breathing difficulties

- [loss or change to your sense of smell or taste](#) – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child becomes ill during the school day we will be asking you to come and pick them up **immediately**.

The school uses your mobile phone number to contact you. Please ensure that you have provided us with up to date contact details.

Can I drop in a lunch if my child forgets to bring it in?

Dropping in a forgotten lunch to school will now involve ringing to the school in advance and dropping the lunch in the box provided at the front of the school.

What procedures have you put in place to keep our school virus free?

According to Department Guidelines there is no requirement for children in classes Junior Infants -2nd to Social Distance. However strict cleaning regimes will be in place and HSE guidelines on hand washing will be strictly adhered to. Junior Infants to 2nd Class will play outside with their own class

together as normal. Each class 3rd -6th class will be in a Class Bubble.

The children will be seated in a group/pod in each class. Children will be encouraged to keep within their pod/group at all times and any resources will be shared among that pod/group only. Interaction between the class bubbles will be strictly limited. Movement of staff between bubbles will also be limited. Each class bubble will play separately at different times and on different yards.

There will be enhanced cleaning regimes in school and a grant is available to us for this. Children from first class upwards will also be asked to clean down their desk before they eat and before they go home each day. Wipes will be provided each day.

What can I do to help my child keep our school virus free?

Hand hygiene will be key to keeping our school virus free. Please speak to your child about this and the teachers will do the same on our return. Wall mounted hand sanitisers have been provided at important areas around the school.

Will there be hot water for the children to wash their hands with?

We do not have hot water in school but do not worry. The Department has assured us that as long as we have good quality soap that this is sufficient and we do!

What will the learning focus be when my child returns to school?

The curriculum will be changing and will be focusing on Language, Maths, SPHE, Wellbeing and Physical Education. Our priority upon our return is to allow the children to feel safe and comfortable. We will use the motto of Slow Down to Catch Up, ensuring that the children's emotional, mental and physical health is looked after.

What time and where should I collect my child from school?

1.50pm: Junior Infant Eimear Grace's as above via main gate.

1.55pm: Junior Infants Joan Kennedy above via main gate.

1.50pm: Senior Infants: Noelle Fagan via Basketball Yard lower gate

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2.45pm: All bus children plus bus creche children to exit via the entry routes above.

2.50pm: 1st & 2nd Class to exit via the entry routes above.

2.55pm: 3rd Class & 4th Class exit via entry routes above.

3pm: 5th-6th Class to exit via the entry routes above.

What should I do if I need to come into the school to speak to someone?

While most situations can and will be dealt with over telephone, on some occasions it may be necessary to speak to someone at the school. Parents will be asked not to come onto the school grounds except by appointment only. When you receive your appointment time you will be asked to come into the school, sanitise your hands and your temperature will be taken. A Contact Tracing Form will be completed using a pen from the box of clean pens and place it in the other box provided for sanitising. All visitors will be required to wear a face covering.

Will after school activities be operating this year?

There will be no After School activities for the first term. This will be reviewed in the interim.