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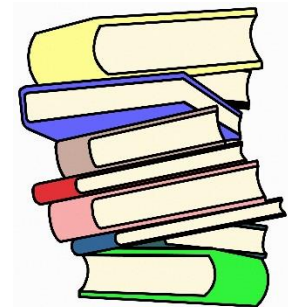
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A thuismitheoirí/ a chaomhnóirí,

Fáilte ar ais tar éis na laethanta saoire. Tá súil agam go raibh Samhradh deas agaibh. Welcome back after the summer holidays, I hope you enjoyed the break. ☺ The COVID-19 school arrangements will remain in place as per last year. There are many practical things you can do to help prepare for your daughter returning to school:



- **Practice good hand hygiene**
- **Ensure all belongings are clearly labelled for identification purposes.**
- **Ensure your daughter has a pencil case which can be left in school**
- **School uniform (tracksuit) will be worn as normal, however, it has never been more important that they are clearly labelled. Please keep tracksuit uniform for school use only – change into own clothes after school.**
- **Wash lunch box/drinks bottle daily**

- **The COVID-19 response plan is on the school website.**
- **Please note, there will be no afterschool classes.**

What happens if my daughter can't remember where her "door" is – ná bí buartha – don't worry, the Special Education Teachers and myself will be on hand to help direct children to the coloured doors.

Entrance & Exit Points for Specific Classes

There are 4 doors available to be used in the main school building. Each class will be assigned a door which will be cleared numbered and colour coded.

The main door will only be used by staff.

1	2	3	4
Emergency exit beside room 1	Regular door beside room 3	Regular door beside room 4	Emergency exit beside room 5

Teacher	Class	Room	Door	Colour
Ms. Finn	2nd	1	1	
Ms. McCarthy	2nd	2	2	
Ms. O'Connell	2nd	3	2	
Ms. Mason	3rd	P/C	P/C	
Mrs. Brodie	3rd	4	3	
Ms. Daly	3rd	5	4	
Ms. Walshe	3rd	9	4	
Ms. Gibbons	4th	6	2	
Ms. Deegan	4th	7	2	
Mrs. Stokes	4th	8	1	
Ms. Duffy	5th	11	2	
Ms. McManus	5th	12	1	
Ms. Creedon (sub for Ms. Furness)	5th	13	1	
Ms. Moore	6th	10	3	
Ms. Curtis	6th	14	4	
Ms. Carroll	6th	15	3	

The arrival/departure times as stated in the 2021-2022 COVID_19 Response Plan are:

Arrival at school

- Pupils should arrive at the school in the 10 minutes immediately preceding their start time
5th and 6th: 8.30 – 8.40 with teaching starting at 8:50 sharp.
2nd, 3rd, 4th: 8.40 – 8.50 with teaching starting at 9:00 sharp.
- Roll will be called promptly.
- We ask for co-operation with these times as it will mean that the numbers congregating on school grounds at any one time will be minimised.
- **There will be no morning assembly in the yard, pupils will go straight to their classroom through the designated door.**
- Pupils hang up coats and sanitise hands and sit at their seats.
- No adults, other than staff members, should pass the main gate.
- If your children have different start times, please adhere to these.
- Messages for teachers can be given by writing in the journal or phoning the school office.

Special Arrangements for 2nd Class Pupils Tuesday 31st August and Wednesday 1st of September.

On these days:

1. One parent/ guardian may walk the child to the yard where their teacher will be waiting.
2. There will be signs identifying each teacher.
3. Adult must wear a mask
4. Wave and leave!
5. Please be mindful of social distancing

End of School Day/ Departure

Please be prompt when collecting your daughter.

5th and 6th Classes depart at 2:10pm:

1. Teacher escort class down the stairs and out of their designated door to the main gate.
2. Pupils are to go straight home or to an agreed meeting point with parent/ guardian if necessary.
3. Siblings: may wait for each other at our green railings in class bubbles.

2nd, 3rd and 4th Classes depart at 2:20pm:

3rd & 4th Class pupils:

1. Teacher escort class down the stairs and out of their designated door to the main gate.
2. Pupils are to go straight home or to an agreed meeting point with parent/ guardian if necessary.
3. Siblings: may wait for each other at our green railings in class bubbles.

2nd Class pupils:

1. Teachers will escort class to the front of the Senior Girls' School.
2. Pupils are to go straight home or to an agreed meeting point with parent/guardian if necessary.
3. Siblings: may wait for each other at our green railings in class bubbles.
4. Each class will stay in their CLASS BUBBLES and the teachers will wait with them until the parents collect them.

SIBLING COLLECTION

There are "sibling" signs along the railings – ensure your daughter know the stream and seomra/room number of the sibling who is collecting her.

Example:

I am in 2nd class and my sister is in 5th seomra/room 13. I walk out with my teacher then I go to the railings and find the board with my sister's room number.

- I am in 3rd class and my sister is in 4th class Seomra/Room 8. I walk out with my teacher and then go to the sign with seomra 8.



The signs are facing in towards the school, where they are visible as the girls walk in/out. On the way in to school, the girls can see where they should wait if necessary. I will remind them again tomorrow. If they are worried they won't remember their sister's room – they can ask their teacher who will liaise with the school office.



Locating the correct textbook/copy in school bags/boxes/baskets can be made easy by **placing a rectangular colour sticker** on the spines and a corresponding circle colour sticker can be put on the front of the book/copy e.g. red stickers on English books/copies and green stickers on Irish books/copies.

Following our staff meeting today, we have made slight changes to the subject colour template, as set out below. The Information Booklet on the school website will be amended to reflect this.

ENGLISH : Red	MATHS: Blue
IRISH: Green	SESE History, Geography & Science: Orange
RELIGION / SPHE : Purple	

We, the staff, are here to help the children transition back into school. Reassure them of that. The school website has some helpful information regarding this – see the COVID-19 Information Section. I attach a letter to your daughter too, which will have information for her.

The Department of Education has made available the following resources for parent/guardians for this school year:

1. Video advice for parents and students at different levels
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>
2. Posters/graphics advice for parents
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>
3. Multilingual advice for parents
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0cf46-resources-and-materials-for-parentsguardians-and-for-students-on-returning-to-school-multi-lingual/>
4. Guidance and resources to support the wellbeing of school communities
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/af24b-wellbeing-guidance-documents-for-parents-students-and-schools/>.

After school, your daughter will be tired and hopefully dying to share all about her school day with you! Sit down with a cuppa and listen. Your help will be invaluable as she settles back in to school.



Please contact me on a confidential basis if you are experiencing any difficulties given the huge changes we have had in recent months.

Míle buíochas for all your support agus fan slán.

Le meas,

**Bean Mhic Cárthaigh/ Mrs. McCarthy,
Príomhoide**