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What are the changes around our school for March 2021?

Every parent/guardian with children attending Junior Infants – 3rd Class inclusive **must sign** a return to school **declaration form** which can be done through Aladdin Connect for children to return to school.

Not much else will change within our school environment. All of the measures we had taken since September still apply and will be used each and every day.

Our 4th, 5th and 6th classes are due for return into school on March 15th. This date is a target date and will be up for review nearer to the time by Government officials.

What will the school day look like from March 1st – 15th?

Our drop off and collection times will remain the same. We encourage all children to walk into school independently for Phase 3. That means there is no need for a parent/minder to walk past the gates when dropping their child/ren to the door in the mornings.

Children from the infants classes will need to be collected from their classroom door at the back of the school from 1:55pm.

There is to be **no congregation** of children or parents/adults outside. We have a before and after school service here at the school for the children if you need to use it. Remember to register your child/ren one week in advance of using their service. I encourage you all to register them straight away if you feel you will ever need their service. **Helen Mannion: Littlehands: 086-1683410**

Here is a reminder of where each classroom will enter and leave the building:

Where	Who
Classes entering and exiting at the front main door:	Individuals needing isolation Visitors

Classes entering and exiting at the entrance left of the school (beside the bike shed)	Montessori Before & Afterschool children
Classes using their entry doors at the back of the school	Junior & Senior Infants 2 nd boys & 3 rd Class (Múinteoirí J & N) 1 st Class & 2 nd Class girls (Múinteoir Ann-Marie)

Every classroom will have a staff member at their door awaiting the arrival of the children in the mornings where children will sanitise on their way in.

In our Classrooms

- Our teachers/SNAs will look as familiar as always – we will be wearing visors/ face coverings where we cannot keep a 1m distance from the children
- Our classrooms have been cleared of all clutter to make sure we are using every space available
- Soft furnishings have been put away and stored in boxes for now
- Our toys/ resources are all cleanable and will be safe to use
- Where possible, each child will have their own resources and will not mix their resources with others
- We will not collect books and have jobs where children will be walking around the room unnecessarily. Each child will have their own work station with their books, pencil case and lunch to hand
- We ask that each child leave their pencil case in school and have a second one at home for homework. Please ensure that children have pencils, topper, rubber, ruler and colours etc.

All labelled please.

We have made a time-table for the use of the astro pitch area. We have decided as a staff that we will use our outdoor area as much as possible for exercise as well as our break times

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st Break	Infants	2 nd & 3 rd	1 st & 2 nd	Infants	2 nd & 3 rd
2 nd Break	1 st & 2 nd	Infants	2 nd & 3 rd	1 st & 2 nd	2 nd & 3 rd

Collection at 3pm

Note: The times will remain the same for dispersal even though we have no 4th, 5th or 6th classes attending school. We will hopefully have them back in two weeks!

Bus + 6th Class & Siblings 2:50pm

4th & 5th Class & Siblings 2:55pm

2nd & 3rd Class & Siblings 3:00pm

1st & 2nd Class 3:05pm

Cycling: If a parent/guardian confirms to us in writing that they are happy for their child/children to leave the school grounds at their designated time, we will release them at that time.

Ventilation in our Classrooms

We have been encouraged to have plenty of ventilation in our rooms so windows will be open and doors will be open at lunch times to let the air circulate. The children are encouraged to wear extra layers underneath their uniform if they feel cold.

School Uniform

School uniforms will be as normal.

Contacting us

Please use methods for contacting us as normal. E-mail or text/phone call and we'll be happy to contact you when we can.

Dealing with a suspected case

Staff or pupils should not attend school if displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.

If there is a suspected case of COVID-19 in the school building, the LWR should be contacted immediately. If the LWR is absent, contact the Deputy LWR.

The following outlines how we will deal with a suspected case that may arise in our school setting.

Our designated isolation area is the front porch within the school building. We are calling this room the 'Keep Me Safe' area. The possibility of having more than one person displaying signs of COVID-19 has been considered and a contingency plan for dealing with additional cases is in place. The designated isolation area is behind a closed door and away from other staff and pupils. If a staff member/pupil displays symptoms of COVID-19 while at school this is the procedure to be implemented:

Staff Member
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If a staff member develops symptoms at school, put on a disposable mask and contact the LWR immediately.2. LWR will advise the affected person to avoid touching other people, objects and surfaces.3. The LWR will establish, by asking them, if they are well enough to travel home independently.4. If the staff member feels well enough to travel home independently, they will be directed to exit the building using the isolation route.5. They will be advised to continue to wear the face mask and go directly home and contact their GP without delay.6. If a staff member is not well enough to travel home independently, or advice is required, the LWR will contact 112/999 and inform them that the sick person is a COVID-19 suspect and will follow advice given.
Pupil
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If a pupil develops symptoms at school, a staff member will contact the LWR immediately.2. The LWR will contact the parents/guardians.3. The child will be advised to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue and accompany the LWR at a distance of 2 metres to the isolation room via the isolation route.4. The pupil can dispose of the tissue into the bin and the pupil will wait in isolation.5. As soon as possible, pupils will be brought directly home by a parent/guardian who will call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home.6. If they are too unwell to go home or advice is required, the LWR will contact 112/999 and inform them that the sick person is a COVID-19 suspect and follow advice given.

A word of advice:

If your child/children are unwell in the morning, **please do not send them in**. The way you can support us is by having a back-up plan thought out and in place. Please consider how you will

manage collecting your child from school if they begin to feel unwell. Ensure we have up to date contact numbers and emergency numbers.

The HSE will inform any staff/parents who have come into close contact with a diagnosed case via the contact tracing process. The HSE will contact all relevant persons where a diagnosis of COVID-19 is made. The instructions of the HSE should be followed and **staff and pupil confidentiality are essential at all times.**

Muireann

School E-Mail Addresses

The following are our e-mail addresses for contacting us, to set up a face-face meeting via zoom or phone call.

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