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### **What are the changes around our school for 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021?**

Every parent/guardian with children attending school **must sign** a return to school **declaration form** which can be done via the link which will be texted to you on your mobile phone. This needs to be completed before Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm.

Not much else will change within our school environment since the previous school year. All of the measures we had taken in the previous school year still apply and will be used each and every day. If you wish to see the detailed plan, please see our School Response Plan on our website.

### **What will the school day look like from August 29<sup>th</sup> onwards?**

Our drop off and collection times will remain similar – a staggered approach but we are shortening down the over all time. All children from Senior Infants – 6<sup>th</sup> Class are to walk into school independently. That means there is no need for a parent/minder to walk past the gates when dropping their child/ren to school in the mornings. Please use the roundabout area for drop off times in the morning. The Montessori children need to park up outside the gates, we should try to keep this space as free as we can.

Children from the infant classes will need to be collected from their classroom doors from 1:55pm for Junior Infants (using front door entrance) and 2pm for Senior Infants (using their classroom at the back of the school).

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:

<b>Where</b>	<b>Who</b>
Classes entering and exiting at the <b>front main door</b> :	Individuals needing isolation Visitors Junior Infants (Múinteoir Muirean)
Classes entering and exiting at the <b>entrance left of the school</b> (beside the bike shed)	Montessori Before & Afterschool children
Classes using their <b>entry doors at the back of the school</b>	Senior Infants & 1 <sup>st</sup> Class (Múinteoirí Niamh & Joanne) 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class boys (Múinteoir Ann-Marie) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class girls and 4 <sup>th</sup> Class (Múinteoir Orla) 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class (Múinteoir Katy)

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.

### **Yard Times:**

We will continue a staggered yard for our lunchtimes until Mid-Term break and assess at that time.

There will be a Junior Break (Infants – 3<sup>rd</sup> boys) and a Senior Break (3<sup>rd</sup> girls – 6<sup>th</sup>).

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

<b>Junior Break (10:50 – 11:10) (1:00 – 1:20)</b>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> Break	J.I	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	S.I & 1 <sup>st</sup>	J.I	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Break	S.I & 1 <sup>st</sup>	J.I	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	S.I & 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>

<b>Senior Yard (11:10 – 11:30) (1:20 – 1:40)</b>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> Break	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Break	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>				

### **Collection at 3pm**

**Bus + 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class & Siblings 2:50pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class & Siblings 2:53pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class & Siblings 2:56pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Class 2:59pm**

**Walking/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.**

**Please remember:**

**Junior Infants will finish at 12:15pm for the first week. (2pm from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week onwards).**

**Senior Infants will finish at 2pm.**

**All other classes 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class will finish around the 3pm staggered closing times.**

### **Homework**

There will be no homework for the children for the first week back but we will begin light homework on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week.

### **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. We have been informed that CO2 monitors will be sent to our schools before the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September. This is to assess the ventilation within the classrooms and guide us.

### **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. (All contact details are at the end of this document).

## 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:

<b>Staff Member</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If a staff member develops symptoms at school, put on a disposable mask and contact the LWR immediately.</li><li>2. LWR will advise the affected person to avoid touching other people, objects and surfaces.</li><li>3. The LWR will establish, by asking them, if they are well enough to travel home independently.</li><li>4. If the staff member feels well enough to travel home independently, they will be directed to exit the building using the isolation route.</li><li>5. They will be advised to continue to wear the face mask and go directly home and contact their GP without delay.</li><li>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.</li></ol>
<b>Pupil</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If a pupil develops symptoms at school, a staff member will contact the LWR immediately.</li><li>2. The LWR will contact the parents/guardians.</li><li>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.</li><li>4. The pupil can dispose of the tissue into the bin and the pupil will wait in isolation.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li></ol>

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**.

You will be e-mailed the resources that have come from the Department on what to expect from September onwards on the return to school. There are updated symptoms of when we can send in our children to school. These are the latest guidelines that have been given to us:

Common Symptoms:

- A fever (high temperature- 38°C or above)
- A new cough – this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- Loss or change in 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
- Fatigue
- Aches and pains

Other uncommon symptoms of coronavirus include:

- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Runny or stuffy noses
- Feeling sick or vomiting diarrhea
- diarrhea

**LWR is Laura Callanan**

**Deputy LWR is Marie O'Shaughnessy**

As always, thank you all for your continued support and co-operation.

*Muireann Cradock*

## School E-Mail Addresses

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