

21st August 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The BoM and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils and parents / guardians back to school for the 2020/2021 school year on Monday next, 31st August, with our new Junior Infants calling on Friday 28th August at 9.30 am.

We are satisfied that we have control measures in place to ensure that this will be a safe re-opening. It will take some time for all of us to get used to the “new circumstances” as we become familiar with the new routines and procedures designed to keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus. There will, undoubtedly, be some unforeseen challenges and we will deal with these as they arise.

When your child arrives at school they will be escorted to their classroom. The school will not be open until 8.40 am. Class will begin at 9.00 am. Breaks during the day will be staggered with half of the school on break at a given time. Home times will also be staggered. Infants will finish at the usual time of 1.40 pm. (Junior Infants will finish at 12 noon for the first two weeks until Friday 11th September). First and second classes will leave the school at 2.30 pm followed by 3rd and 4th classes at 2.35pm and 5th and 6th classes at 2.40 pm. School buses will depart at 2.50 pm approx.

Lunches: Please use plastic, washable lunch boxes, no lunch bags.

If you need to approach the school please observe social distancing of 2 metres.

The guidelines also state that under no circumstances is a child to be sent to school if they are displaying any signs of sickness.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making preparations to date and look forward to working with you as we assist the children adapt to the necessary changes. We are also conscious of the fact that our pupils have not been in school since March and that they are looking forward to coming back to school to meet their friends again. We are aware that our new pupils are beginning a school year at a challenging time and have made plans to ensure that their arrival will be as free from anxiety as possible.

Mise le meas,

Liam Fell

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