

Information Bulletin 2: School Re-Opening Plan

This document aims to provide further guidance for parents as we edge closer to re-opening our school. Please read Bulletin 1 in advance of this document.

It is important that parents have a clear understanding of the benefits and risk of childcare and that it is not possible to guarantee that infection can be prevented in any setting either in a childcare centre, school or in the home.

While these protocols are absolutely necessary and in line with current HSE advice and procedures we wish to keep the return to school a happy and exciting experience for our pupils and parents should be careful not to heighten stress or anxiety-try to make these routines as normal as possible.

The following are protocols that are put in place to safeguard the health and safety of each other and all in our school community are expected to abide by them.

Under no circumstances is a parent to bring a child to school -

- if your child is exhibiting any symptoms of Covid 19-
- If your child has a temperature, is sneezing, coughing, who has been vomiting or has diarrhoea.
- If your child has been outside of the Ireland in the 14 days prior to August 27th, they are not to attend school without consulting Mr Martin
- If your child has been in contact with any family member and or other person who has Covid 19.

Arrival at School

It is important that parents follow guidelines and maintain social distancing while dropping off and collecting pupils. Parents with children arriving by bus should liaise directly with Bus Éireann and follow all guidelines strictly. The school is setting out detailed plans to group children in pods within classes (bubbles). It is essential that parents whose children travel by bus or who attend after school ensure that their children follow all procedures within that setting and are confident in the knowledge that the plan is following HSE guidance.

Week 1 (up to including Friday 4th September)

Drop off Details (For all those not travelling by bus)

- All Children with surname starting with letter A-E should arrive between 8.50am and 9.00am and go straight to their classroom. A map of classroom and teachers will be circulated in advance.
- Children with surname starting with letter F-L should arrive between 9.00 and 9.10am and go straight to their classroom on the first day.
- Children with surname starting with letter M-S should arrive between 9.10am and 9.20am and go straight to their classroom on the first day.
- Children with surname starting with letter T-Z should arrive between 9.20am and 9.30am and go straight to their classroom on the first day.

- Only Parents of children in junior and senior infant classes are permitted to enter the school grounds. There will be a designated “Parent Drop Zone” outside the main entrance where teachers will meet you and your child. No parent is permitted to enter the school building.
- If you have any concerns about your child coming to school in the mornings, please email Mr Martin on kilmorens@gmail.com
- Gates will be labelled 1-5 and further details will be circulated next week on which gate should be used on arrival and dismissal.
- Children arriving by bus will disembark only under the guidance of the driver and will be directed where to go by teachers.

Collection

- Junior Infants will finish at 12 noon for the first two weeks of school.
- Senior Infants will finish at 1.40 for the first week of school.
- First Class will finish at 2.30pm for the first week of school (except those travelling by bus)
- Second class will finish at 2.40pm for the first week of school (except those travelling by bus)
- Third Class will finish at 2.45pm for the first week of school (except those travelling by bus)
- Fourth Class will finish at 2.50pm for the first week of school (except those travelling by bus)
- Fifth Class will finish at 2.55pm for the first week of school (except those travelling by bus)
- 6th class will finish at 3pm.
- Parents must wait outside the school in their cars and maintain social distancing in the evening time when waiting to collect a child.
- **Should a matter of urgency arise for parents,** they must phone the office and make an appointment. A new shelter area has been built outside the main office and parents should ring the buzzer and then wait in the shelter area.

Equipment

- Parents must ensure that their child has a packet of tissues which are **labelled** coming to school.
- Parents must ensure that all of the child’s equipment/books/copies are labelled with the child’s name as equipment/books cannot be shared.
- Parents must ensure all books and copies are covered with clear plastic covering and buy washable pencil cases
- Parents are to ensure that their child knows and uses the protocols around coughing/sneezing/use of tissues/hand sanitisers prior to returning to school.
- Parents must ensure that all **books/writing equipment/lunch boxes/water bottles** are sanitised using alcohol wipes on completion of homework before being placed in the child’s schoolbag.
- Water bottles are to be filled at home every evening.
- Pencils to be paired at home. (Pencils should not have any additional tops such as characters etc)

- Children should go to the bathroom **before** they leave home for school daily.
- Children should wash their hands **before** leaving for school.
- Please bring minimal equipment each day.
- Hurls and helmets may not be shared. We will have store of helmets and hurls for sale at discounted prices in September.

Parents and Uniforms:

- Children's uniforms must be clean and washed regularly as a child may have coughed or sneezed into their sleeve as per coughing protocols.
- Parents should change their child's uniform at least twice during the week and they must be washed after use. This can include the PE uniforms
- It is recommended that all children have two jumpers. (There are a number of tracksuit tops/jumpers in the lost property if any parent wants to take them) Reasonably priced uniforms can be bought in Lidl/Pennys/Tesco/Dunnes or from the Uniform Shop (more expensive)
- The pupils of junior/senior should wear Velcro shoes if they cannot tie laces.

Children's learning spaces:

- All excess furniture will be removed from the classroom where possible so as to provide additional space.
- All staff will reconfigure their classrooms to ensure a one metre distance between pupils where possible. Pupils will be organised into pods within the classroom.
- Classes will be organised into bubbles and interaction between classes outside of the bubble will be limited.
- Resources that can be easily cleaned will be used and toys and materials that are difficult to clean e.g. dress up clothes or soft toys during this temporary Covid-19 emergency will not to be used.
- Pupils will hand sanitise before and after using any materials.
- Pupils will not be allowed to share materials/resources.
- Toilet breaks will be staggered.
- The toilets will be disinfected regularly during the day
- Additional time will be spent by the hygiene staff in cleaning the school.