

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you are well and looking forward to your children returning to school. We would like to thank you for your patience, co-operation and understanding during a very difficult time.

The safety of our children continues to be of paramount importance and we will therefore be adhering to Public Health Guidance when pupils return.

Details for School Opening

- **Anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms must not attend school, there will be strict adherence to the Department of Health's Test, Trace & Protect Strategy.**
- **Regular / thorough attention to hygiene throughout the day.**
- **Catch it, Bin It, Kill It approach in each classroom.**
- **Additional supplies of tissues, soap, sanitisers.**
- **Regular cleaning of door handles, desk tops, chairs, surfaces, light switches, sinks, toilets etc.**
- **PPE available for staff use as and when required.**
- **Non – contact thermometer to be used when a child becomes ill.**
- **Signage to encourage social distancing.**
- **A class to act as a single, consistent, protective bubble with minimal interaction with other classes.**
- **Uniforms will be worn.**
- **Parents will not have access to the school building unless by agreed appointment.**

Morning

- **School starts at 9.00am, gates will open at 8.45am, please do not come to school before that time, all gates will be supervised.**
- **P4 will enter via gate 1 (Leeson St), assemble in playground (demarcation in place) & proceed to classrooms for handwashing.**
- **P1, P2 enter via Main Gate 2 and proceed to demarcation areas.**
- **P6, P7 will enter via Gate 3 (Mr. Lavery's entrance) & go straight to their classroom, they will be greeted by staff and supervised for handwashing.**
- **P3, P5 enter via Gate 4 (Lower Ross Rd) and proceed to demarcation areas – staff in place to direct.**
- **Parents should remain outside the school grounds and avoid congestion / gatherings near the gates or entrance areas.**
- **Children should not bring a school bag to school.**
- **There will be no Breakfast Club or After Schools until further notice.**

Break / Lunch Times

- Children bring a break for week 24th August – water in disposable bottle / sandwich /fruit.
- All children bring packed lunches (in disposable bags) for the week 24th August – 28th August.
- Please note that we have a number of children with severe allergies. We request that children DO NOT BRING FOODS CONTAINING NUTS / NUT TRACES / into school.
- Free school meals will be available from 1st September. We hope to introduce paid dinners at a later date when it is safe for the office to handle cash.
- If a child forgets lunch, during the week 24th – 28th August, it will be provided by the school.

End of School Day

- School finishes for P2 – P7 at 2.00pm each day until 18th September 2020.
- Classes will be released via Gates as outlined previously.

Additional Measures

- Movement around the school will be kept to a minimum.
- If a child needs to leave school early for an appointment, you must phone before 12 Noon.
- Parents are only permitted to leave in critical items for children e.g. medication.
- All pupils will receive their own zip wallet with appropriate resources.
- When paid dinners / fruit / milk are introduced parents will be asked to place the correct amount of money for week / month in an envelope. Change will not be given.
- It is vital that contact details are up to date – telephone numbers / email addresses – this allows for immediate contact if your child is ill.
- Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds.

If your child is showing corona virus symptoms

- Mrs Alexander or the senior management team will be informed immediately.
- Your child will be supervised in an isolation room and temperature taken.
- You will be contacted to collect your child and instructed to have your child tested for Covid -19
- In an emergency we will call an ambulance.
- If the results are negative the child can return to school after 48hrs.
- If your child has tested positive, please adhere to PHA guidance under the Test, Trace and Protect programme.
- All staff / pupils who have been part of the child's class or 'bubble' will be asked to self-isolate.

Thank You

Mrs Alexander & Staff