

Scoil Mhuire, Broadway,
Our Lady's Island, Co. Wexford.
Roll No. 19741A



Return to School

Term 1 2021/2022

Information sheet for Parents

Please remember to follow protocol and procedure if your child or another household member is displaying symptoms of COVID19.

Reopening:

Scoil Mhuire will reopen its doors on Monday 30th August 2021.

School Day Times:

Our school day will begin at 9.20am and finish at 3pm.

Our infant's school day will begin at 9.20am and finish at 2pm.

Incoming Junior Infants:

We are really looking forward to welcoming our Junior Infants to begin their journey with us.

On Monday 30th August we are asking our Junior Infants to be brought by their parents into the school through the main door beside the office at 9.30am. Parents can bring their child to the classroom door and proceed to the back of the school to exit the building. The class teacher, Principal and SNA will meet you at the classroom. Parents must wear a mask and use hand sanitiser upon entry.

On Tuesday 31st all Junior Infants can be dropped off at the school gate and they will be brought to their class line on the yard. Please enter the school grounds by the gate on side of the school (by the basketball court.)

On rainy days, they can enter through the front door by the school gate. For Health and Safety reasons, all children must enter the school grounds via the gate at the side of the school (by the basketball court.)

For the first week and a half (until and including Wednesday 8th September) our Junior Infants will finish at 12pm. We will review at that point to see if further time is needed. All going to plan, on Thursday 9th the Junior Infants will do a full Infant day and finish at 2pm.

School Drop Off:

- Scoil Mhuire will open the gates from 9.10am to facilitate drop off of pupils.
- **All students will enter via the gate by the Basketball Court side of the school only.**
- All students will now line up on the yard at 9.10am in their class line.
- Students will be collected from their lines at 9.20am by their class teacher. Any student who arrives in after this must be brought directly to the office to be signed in. **(Please note they still must enter the school grounds by gate at side of school by Basketball court)**
- It is essential that no student gets out of their car before 9.10am, as supervision will not be provided before this time. This is part of our Covid Response Plan as we do not want any students or parents loitering at the gate of the school.
- Parents are asked not to enter past the school gates, children are asked to proceed to their entrance point as set out below. There will be staff present on the yard from 9.10am.

On rainy days supervision will be provided indoors, and children will enter as follows:

All children are asked to enter via the door at the front of the school.

We would encourage families to walk or to cycle to school where possible so as to alleviate traffic.

School Collection:

2pm collection (Junior and Senior Infants)

Parents are asked to wait at the school gate and socially distance along the footpath. The footpath is marked with 2 metre markers. Parents are also asked to follow public health guidelines in wearing masks. Your child will be brought to the gate and instructed by a teacher or Special Needs Assistant to exit the school one at a time.

3pm collection (Ms. Stafford's class)

Parents of Ms. Stafford's pupils are asked to wait and socially distance along the footpath at the gate by the Basketball Court Side of the school. Your child will be brought to the gate and instructed by a teacher or Special Needs Assistant to exit the school one at a time. Parents are also asked to follow public health guidelines in wearing masks.

3pm collection (Ms. Druhan's class)

Parents of Ms. Druhan's pupils are asked to wait and socially distance along the footpath at the side gate of the school (pitch side). Your child will be brought to the gate and instructed by a teacher or Special Needs Assistant to exit the school one at a time. Parents are also asked to follow public health guidelines in wearing masks.

3pm collection (Ms. Donnellan and Mr. Dunford's Class)

4th, 5th and 6th Classes will be dismissed by the centre gate in the staff car park.

Please note that if you have children in both the senior and the junior end of the school, you must go to collect the younger child/ children first. We will call the older child/ children to your gate when it's your turn.

Bus Drop Off and Collection:

The Bus will drop the children off at the gate at 9.10am. Children on the bus must proceed directly to their designated door or their class line. All children who are on the bus must enter via the gate at the side of the school by the basketball court.

At 2.55pm the children going on the bus will line up in the staff car park and they will be brought to the bus by a member of staff to leave at 3pm. They will be supervised at all times by a member of staff. This will mean the bus will leave before the rest of the school is dismissed. It will ensure a better line of sight and a safer road outside our school. This is in line with Health and Safety.

Classroom Layout:

We are very lucky that we have enough space in our school to accommodate all children and allow for appropriate social distancing for staff and pupils. Rooms are ventilated in accordance with guidelines and windows will be open daily.

Whole school assemblies will only take place via zoom during school hours.

Within each classroom the children will be grouped into pods which will be distanced from each other as much as classroom space allows. Whilst in class, the children will be encouraged to only work within their pod.

Lunch Time:

The school will have two 20 minute breaks. Students will be allocated sufficient time to wash their hands before they eat their food, and upon arrival back inside they will be asked to sanitise their hands again. See below for more details.

Pupil Hygiene and Cleaning Routines:

Throughout the school there will be hand sanitiser provided which children will be required to use and will be asked to regularly wash their hands while in school.

Students will be asked to:

- Sanitise their hands as they enter the school
- Wash and Sanitise their hands before they eat and go out on yard
- Sanitise their hands after each yard break
- Wash and Sanitise their hands after every toilet break
- Sanitise their hands as they leave the classroom and the school.

Extra time will be allocated from discretionary teaching time to facilitate this.

Staff will maintain a regular cleaning routine of all resources and materials that will be used by different pods or classes.

Daily, weekly and monthly cleaning routines will be adhered to as per Government and Department of Education guidelines. Within each class, all surfaces will be cleaned thoroughly with a general cleaning product at the end of the school day, and following this all surfaces will be disinfected daily. All toilets, sinks and door handles, as well as any commonly touched surface will be cleaned and disinfected daily. A thorough checklist will be followed in each room.

Staff will also have access to cleaning products and disinfectant should the need arise for a surface to be cleaned during the day.

The school is currently using the sanitiser gel pictured below. This will be in all dispensers stationed around the school and in the classrooms.

If you wish for your child to use their own sanitiser please notify us- this is no problem at all! They must bring it with them every day and sanitise with their own bottle at specified times. If they forget their own they will be asked to sanitise using our gel.

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Acting Time:

1 Minute

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Students Clothing:

It is important that all children label every piece of clothing. Children should have fastenings on their shoes that they can fasten themselves. This is particularly important at the Junior end of the school. If your child cannot tie laces please ensure they have shoes with a Velcro fastening.

Coats must be worn into school as we will be using the yard for breaks as much as possible. We have no problem with students wearing extra layers of clothes (skins/ body warmers/ additional t-shirts) as every room is ventilated and it may get cold. Please ensure your child's school bag is big enough to store your child's coat during the school day. In order to minimise the risk of transmission we will not be using coat racks so as to prevent the congregation of pupils at the back of the room.

Pupil Belongings:

Children will be required to use their own resources at all times i.e. pencils etc as the sharing of resources, particularly from 3rd-6th, will be kept to a minimum.

It would be best practice if all pupils could have one pencil case for school and one for home.

Each pupil needs a clear 24 litre plastic box with a lid. Individual books will be stored in these, and the school pencil case will also be stored in it. This will be kept in school under your child's desk. Please label the box with your child's name.

Please label all belongings including clothing and stationery. It is important that you have already written your child's names on all their books and copies. Do not send bundles of copies into school without names.

Pupil Lunches:

Pupils are asked to bring lunches in a lunch bag or box and where possible should include items that they can open independently. Staff will not be in a position to open items such as Frubes and Yoghurts, so please ensure that your child is as self sufficient as possible. As per current school procedure, pupils will be asked to bring all items, finished and unfinished, home.

Absenteeism:

If your child is absent we ask that you fill in their reason for their absence on Aladdin Connect. You will also need to fill in a Return to Education Declaration after every absence.

Homework:

Our Board of Management and staff would like to thank parents for all you have done since the Covid Pandemic has started. We know that it wasn't easy, but the level of response from parents has been very good.

As soon as children return it has been decided that teachers will begin to assign homework. Homework will be assigned through Homework Journals on a daily basis (Monday to Thursday). We are asking all Parents/ Guardians to check the homework journal every day. When homework is completed please sign to confirm you have checked it.

Communication with school:

The school will continue to use the Aladdin Connect system to help communicate with you as a whole school. Each teacher also has a staff email account which they can be contacted on. If you so wish to contact the teacher you may also use the Homework Journals, however if you feel something is urgent please contact the school and the class teacher will phone you back at a time that is convenient.

It is very important not to write anything that may be confidential in a Homework Journal. For anything that's important you must continue to contact via email or phone call.

There will be no hard copy of notes sent home unless we need something that we cannot specifically do via Aladdin Connect.

Up to this point we have always been proud of the fact that we, as a whole staff, have been approachable before and after school. Unfortunately that system has to somewhat change for the foreseeable future. We would urge parents to avoid visiting the school building unless an appointment has been made with the teacher or principal.

All visitors entering the school will be required to complete a Contact Tracing Log.

Covid-19 Response Plan

Please note that the Covid-19 Response Plan, Risk Assessment and Policy statement will be on the school website under the Return to School Section. This document will also be there for you also should you need it.

THANK YOU ☺

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