

12ú Lúnasa 2020

A chairde,

Mar a gheallamar beimid i dteangmháil libh go rialata chun sibh a choimeád ar an eolas faoi dhul chun chinn an Phlean um Fhreagairt do COVID-19 agus sinn ag ullmhú don athoscailt. Ba bhreá linn cúpla mír atá molta ag an Rialtas dúinn a mhíniú daoibh ag an bpointe seo. *As promised we will be in regular contact with you with regards to our COVID Response Plan and the return to school. We wish to remind you of a few salient points as advised by the Government.*

RE: Scaradh Sóisialta is tinreamh ar scoil/Physical Distancing and Safe School Attendance

We are currently working on upgrading our procedures and routines within the school to ensure that there is as much Physical Distancing as is possible in our building. We will apply physical distancing in a practical and sensible way, recognising that the learning environment cannot be dominated by a potentially counterproductive focus on this issue.

Éireoidh linn e seo a bhaint amach i ndá slí/Physical Distancing will be achieved in two ways: -

Ag méadú an scartha/Increasing Separation. This will be achieved by re-configuring the classrooms to maximise physical distancing. **Each class will be referred to as a bubble** and we will ensure that there is as little contact as possible between children in different bubbles. Within the bubbles, children will be organised into pods. A pod is a group of children (normally 4/6) who will sit close by/together and who will stay in their pod while in the bubble, or classroom.

Ag laghdúna hidirghníomhaíochta/ Decreasing Interaction. This will be achieved by decreasing the potential for children from different bubbles to interact. There will be marked routes for various bubbles to enter and exit the school and to access their classrooms. Bubbles will have different mid-morning and lunch-time access to the playground. We will make these routines enjoyable activities for the children, emphasising safety at all times.

While all children will be welcome back to school, we would remind parents that, where children are displaying colds, coughs or flu like symptoms, they should not be sent to school. Children who display such symptoms in school will be isolated and parents asked to collect them from the school.

Children who have travelled from countries not on the Green List should not attend school during the 14-day self-isolation period

Further information on COVID-19 symptoms in children is available at: -

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html>

Teachers will make children aware of the proper hygiene procedures regarding hand washing and etiquette related to sneezing, coughing or spitting. We would be grateful if you could also emphasise safe behaviour in this regard to your children at home as part of the preparation for returning to school.

Our aim remains to re-open the school in an orderly safe manner, while reassuring the children and making them feel comfortable, safe and relaxed with their friends in the new school environment. This will be achieved by all of us working towards this common goal.

Táimid ag seoladh **GOOGLE FORM** sar i bhfad chuig gach teaghlach freisin chun eolas a lorg uaibh faoi cursaí leighis/sláinte 7rl.. Beimís an-bhuíoch dá líonfa an fhoirm seo do gach leanbh atá sa scoil. Roinnfar an t-eolas seo leis an múinteoir ranga nua atá ag do leanbh. Tá foirm dhifriúil do **gach leanbh**. *We will also shortly be sending individual GOOGLE FORMS for each child to their family to inform our work here. This information will only be shared with your child's new teacher.*

Cuirfear gach eolas breise ar an suíomh ghréasáin scoile freisin de réir mar a shocrófar é .

Le meas

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