

Dear Families ,

School return

As per the First Minister's announcement, the staff are now preparing for the return of all pupils fulltime from Wednesday 12th August.

I am now able to inform you of the following –

- Arrival and departure time- 9 am until 3pm
- Social distancing -no social distancing for pupils, although it remains at 2 metres for adults. Staff may wear face coverings at different times eg. Working closely with children.
- To minimise the sharing of equipment – we ask that as many pupils as can bring a pencil case stocked with -pencils, sharpener, rubber, ruler coloured pencils/pens.
- Water bottle – please ensure your child has their own water bottle (labelled with their name) please ensure this is filled for the day ahead as we are not able to provide water from the water fountain.
- School dinners- initially there will be no hot meals only take 4 meals and packed lunches
- Uniforms – guidance states children should wear clean clothes everyday to reduce the risk of virus transmission. We would encourage pupils to wear school sweatshirt/ t shirt, but other than that , may wear their own causal clothes.
- To restrict the number of adults in the building **parents / carers are only allowed access by prior arrangement** – any contact should be made via telephone or email. Nursery parents will access the nursery through the green side gates to the right of the building and should handover children to the nursery staff at the door.

Increased hygiene

- All persons who enter the site will be required to wash hands or sanitise
- Additional daily cleaning routines have been established

Pupils who become unwell

- Pupils who are unwell will be quarantined and sent home
- If a child shows any Covid - 19 symptoms we will require for parents to arrange for immediate testing
- If a member of the school community has a positive test we shall take appropriate action to inform the relevant authorities.

We shall all have different feeling and worries about returning, this is ok, and only natural. Worries maybe expressed in a verity of ways – you may notice your child acting differently and quieter than usual.

Before the 12th August you may wish to talk to your child / children –

- Assure them that it is ok to feel nervous – others will be feeling that way to.
- Explain the class will look the same but some staff maybe wearing a mask or visor.

- Ensure they know that someone will be there to collect them, or they know what to do at home time
- Make sure that you, the parent, will be ok being away from them

Children may wish to chat about their day however some may not and this is perfectly normal.

I look forward to seeing all our pupils Wednesday 12th August

Yours sincerely,

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