

Dear Parents

As we welcome everyone back to school this week the following are some important points to ensure the safety and health of all.

We ask parents that where children are displaying colds, coughs or flu like symptoms they should not be sent to school.

Children who have travelled from countries not on the Green List **must not** attend school until the 14-day self-isolation period has passed.

We ask all parents to ensure that their children have washed their hands before coming to school in the morning. All pupils will sanitise their hands before they enter their classroom.

There is plenty of hand sanitiser in the school inside all entry doors and at each classroom door. There is no need to send hand sanitiser into school with your child. All pupils will wash their hands before they eat and after they have been in the playground. Pupils in Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First class are **not allowed** to bring bottles of hand sanitiser into school.

As pupils will have to wait in the rain (1 metre apart) to be collected this year, please ensure that your child has a good raincoat and that they bring it to school every day.

Please check that your child can open his/her lunch box and drink bottle independently. Frubes or any items that cannot be opened independently are not allowed in school this year.

Pupils may wear their track suit or school uniform on whichever day suits parents. Velcro shoes are recommended for pupils who cannot tie their laces.

Contacting the Class Teacher/Special Education teacher All teachers will inform parents how to contact them. The methods of contact will be via email or Aladdin. Please do not send notes to class teachers. Parents are not allowed to come into school without an appointment.

Contacting the Principal If you wish to speak to the Principal please ring the office as all meetings will be by prior appointment only. Please contact the office to arrange this.

Pupils becoming ill during school If a pupil becomes ill during the school day you will be contacted by phone. Please ensure all your contact details are up to date on Aladdin. When you arrive at the school you are asked to stay in your car and ring the school on 066 7124144 or 089 4725308. You will then receive further instructions.

Dental and other appointments We ask that you make these appointments outside of school hours if possible. In the event that this is unavoidable please inform the teacher the day before. When you arrive at the school ring the numbers provided and wait in your car for further instruction

Forgotten lunches etc. We ask all parents to please ensure that your child has their lunch and drink every day. In the unlikely event that you must drop something to school please ring the numbers provided and wait in your car.

Homework There will be no homework for the first two weeks of school. You will be informed before homework begins on the format that it will take for your child this year.

Pencil Cases Pupils will leave their pencil cases in school this year. Please tell your child this before Thursday. When homework begins they will need pens, pencils and colouring pencils/crayons at home.

Mobile Phones This year all teachers will have their mobile phones turned on in the classrooms. This will be our method of contacting teachers from the office.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday and look forward to a happy and successful school year.

Annette Dineen

Principal