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## September 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we settle into the new school year, please note the following information.

- **Information regarding Covid-19**

The Department of Health and the office of the Medical Officer have advised schools that there are no new requirements in respect of the managing of Covid-19.

The Key messages are to be maintained as follows:

- Stay at home if you are unwell.
- The best way to keep all viruses out of school is to stay at home if you are unwell and until your symptoms have substantially resolved for 48 hours.
- Maintain a good standard of hand hygiene by hand washing and hand sanitising on a regular basis.
- Adhere to good respiratory etiquette by coughing into your elbow and having a supply of tissues.
- Ensure good ventilation arrangements
- Continue to maintain good levels of cleaning

**Keep your child at home if they:**

- Have symptoms of Covid-19
- Have tested positive for Covid-19

**Returning to school after testing positive for Covid-19:**

Your child can return to school when both of these apply:

- They have not had a high temperature (38 degrees Celsius or over) or other symptoms for 48 hours
- It has been 7 days since they first developed symptoms

## General Information

- **School Opening & Closing Times**

The school gates are opened at 08:50.

The SNAs are available to escort children, as needed, to the classrooms from 09:00.

Class begins at 09:10 and finishes at 13:50 for Junior & Senior Infants and at 14:50 for all other classes.

- **Appointments**

Our school is approachable, if you wish to speak to any teacher; or me an appointment can be made by ringing the school between 9.00a.m. and 2.00p.m. The secretary is unavailable to answer the phone after this time.

- **Label Belongings**

Please label clearly all your child's belongings particularly **jumpers, jackets, lunchboxes, books and copies.**

**It is very difficult to match children with jumpers when they are not labelled.**

- **Safety in the Car Park**

- Please be very cautious in the car park when bringing children to and collecting children from school.
- Please **DO NOT** drive around the back of the Community Centre in the mornings or in the afternoons as the children use this area as their pathway. Please ensure that relatives or friends who may be collecting your children are also aware of this.
- The Entrance / Exit adjacent to the school fencing **should not be used** as it too dangerous when children are arriving to and departing from school.
- Please use the dedicated Entrance at the community centre door and the dedicated Exit at the back of the church.
- **As a matter of health and safety, parents are asked NOT to drive in through the school gates or to park in the school entrance.** We are very fortunate to have access from the Community Centre car park. We would ask all parents who leave their children to school to use this facility.
- Please ensure that all who escort your child / children to and from school are aware of these aspects of safety.
- Please ensure that your child/children are collected on time in the afternoon, as supervision cannot be guaranteed after school hours.

**The Board of Management does not accept responsibility for children who are waiting at the school to be collected at home time.**

- **Dogs/Pets**

In the interests of health and safety, please **DO NOT** take your dogs or pets onto the school grounds.

- **Absences**

Under current legislation, all absences of 20 days or more have to be reported to TUSLA the Child and Family Agency. Parents must confirm in writing to the class teacher the reason for absence. There is a section at the back of the Homework Journal if you wish to use it. Parents of Infants must hand in a note or email the school. All original notes must be kept in school for possible inspection by TUSLA.

Although telephone calls to the school and word of mouth regarding absences are welcomed, they are not sufficient for TUSLA. Reasons for absences must be in writing.

- **Signing in / Signing Out**

In the interest of Health and Safety:

If a pupil has to leave school early for whatever reason, the parent / guardian must call to the front door of the school. A member of Staff will get your child for you and he / she will be signed out.

If a pupil arrives to school after Roll Call, i.e. 9.30 a.m., the parent / guardian must call to the front door of the school. A member of staff will sign your child in.

- **School Calendar 2022 / 2023**

Please find attached a copy of the school calendar.

- **Contact Details**

We are currently updating our contact details of all our families. Please complete all sections of the contact details form and return it to the school as soon as possible. Please inform the class teacher in writing if you change your contact details during the school year.

- **Pupil Personal Accident Insurance Scheme**

All pupils enrolled in the school avail of Allianz Insurance. This means that all pupils are insured for 24-hour cover, 365 days a year for school activities, social, domestic and leisure activities including during school holidays. Please ensure that you avail of this insurance cover should you have expenses due to your child having an accident.

- **Rental Books**

As your child receives their books on the Rental Scheme, please ensure that these books are labelled and covered with a second paper covering as soon as possible. Backing these books prolongs their life and thus keeps down the costing of the book rental scheme.

- **School Outing 2022 /2023**

Parental Permission Form is attached.

This form has to be completed for all pupils.

- **Party Invitations**

Distribution of invitations to parties etc. is not permitted through the school.



In the interests of health and safety, please do not send in birthday cake/party treats as some children have allergies in the school.

- **Stay Safe Programme**

The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so that they can look after themselves in situations, which could be upsetting or dangerous.

**This programme is an integral part of the Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum, which all primary schools are required to implement.**

**It is based on the following core elements:**

-  Nurturing children's self-esteem / Building children's confidence
-  Enabling children to be assertive / Helping children to identify and express their feelings

The children are taught age appropriate personal safety skills in the context of developing their independence.

Over the coming year, your child may bring home activity sheets, which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the message at home. These worksheets are to be signed by you. This will be an opportunity to have a chat with your child about what they are learning in school.

### **Soccer**

Soccer training and skills for all pupils begins today, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This is a six-week programme, which will cover elements of the Games strand in PE. The programme is being delivered by Euan Treanor, FAI Primary Schools Coach.

In conclusion, I wish you and your children a happy, healthy and fulfilling school year.

Yours respectfully,

Elizabeth Moorehead

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Principal