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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the good weather. After the release of the DES Covid19 guidance for the re-opening of schools on Wednesday evening, our Senior Leadership team has met to review our plan for the safe return to school in the new academic year. As a result, our plan for all pupils to return to school on **Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August** can proceed. We will continue with our flexible start from **8.50 am - 9.10 am**.

To minimise the risks and help us maintain social distancing, the children may not come onto the school grounds before the gates open at 8:50 am. They must not congregate on the footpath outside the school entrance; please keep the children with you if you are early.

We have updated our Covid Response Plan; it will be uploaded to our website in due course. In the meantime, we would like to bring some things to your attention.

Parents must fill in a Return to Education Form for all children before returning to school and again following any subsequent absence. A link will be provided to you by text next week. If you do not receive this link, please get in touch with the school office.

### **Return of Junior Classes from the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.**

**Junior Infants: (from 6<sup>th</sup> of September)** Will enter the building through the back Gate (from Wrightson's Lane) and leave by the big gates at the front of the school at 1.30.

**Senior Infants:** Will enter and leave the building through the big front gate at 1.40.

**1<sup>st</sup> Class:** Ms O Grady's will come in the back gate (from Wrightson's Lane) and will leave the building through the big gates at the front of the school at 2.30.

Ms Mc Hugh's will come in the front gate in the morning and will leave the building through the big gates at the front of the school at 2.30.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class:** Will enter through the front gate and leave the building through the car park gate at 2.30.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class:** Will enter the building through the back gate (from Wrightson's Lane) and leave by the school's front gate at 2.30.

**4<sup>th</sup> Class:** Will enter through the front gate and leave the building through the front gate at 2.40.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class:** Will enter the building through the back gate (from Wrightson's Lane) and leave by the front car park gate at 2.40.

**6<sup>th</sup> Class:** Will enter the building through the back gate (from Wrightson's Lane) and leave by the front of the school at 2.40.

Each class/year group will continue to use the door assigned to them for entering and leaving the building.

**WE ASK THAT YOU PARK UP AND COLLECT YOUR CHILD OR WAIT UNTIL IT GETS QUIETER; WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP PARENTS WITH BABIES.**

Families that have children in other classes may collect all their children at the same earlier time (1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> only).

Please be mindful of young children running in between cars.

**Administration:** We have changed to a new administration programme called Aladdin Schools. There will be teething problems using this system, and we appreciate your patience while we complete the changeover. Please ensure that we have up to date contact information for your family; this is essential in the current climate. We will also move to the Aladdin Connect App during the school year to make communication between school and home easier. We will connect you when this occurs.

**Uniform:** It is expected that all pupils wear a full school uniform. This consists of grey trousers or skirt, CBS crested jumper, a white shirt or blouse and black shoes or runners. Children must also wear the full PE tracksuit on PE days. Your child's class teacher will provide this day. All uniforms are available locally. Hair must be neat and tied back; all dye, highlights and designs are not permitted.

**Book Rental Scheme:** The cost of our book rental scheme is €80. The fee includes all equipment, books, printed material, text messaging service and accident insurance. This money can be paid in cash to the school directly; please put the money into an envelope with your child's name, teacher and class clearly written on the front. Could you please keep each child's separate this will help with the administration of this scheme.

**Equipment:** To prevent cross-contamination, we ask that pupils do not share equipment with their peers. We would appreciate you reinforcing this message at home.

**Lunch:** Pupils must bring a healthy snack and lunch in their bag each day. It will not be possible for office personnel to bring lunches to classrooms during the day.

**Hygiene:** Children will continue to be encouraged to engage in regular handwashing during the day. They will also use hand sanitiser when required. If your child needs to use a specific hand sanitiser, please ensure they know how to use it correctly and safely. Please ensure your child has a mask in their school bag in case they need first aid. Children may continue to use a mask during the day if required; again, we ask that you ensure your child follows mask-wearing etiquette provided by the HSE.

After consulting the HSE on sickness and COVID-19 symptoms, they have advised the following;

- If a child has a headache or earache, monitor for 24 hrs and if clear of symptoms, the child can return to school after this period; if the symptoms persist, you must contact your GP.
- For tummy bugs (Norovirus), vomiting and diarrhoea, it is 48 hrs from when the symptoms ceased before they can return to school.
- For any COVID-19 symptoms, you are advised to contact your GP and follow your GP and HSE direction. Do not send your child to school.

On behalf of our staff, I want to thank you for your support and understanding during this challenging time. We cannot keep our school community safe without your help.

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Mrs Eileen Hart