

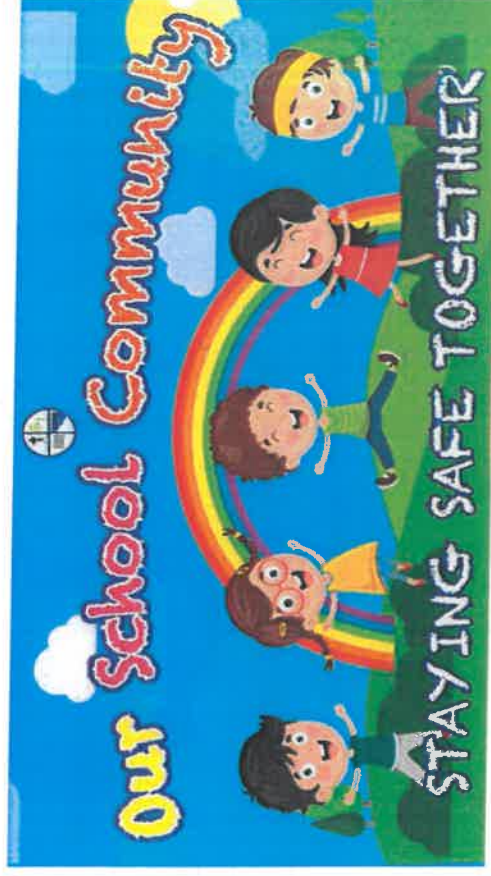
15. The children will be divided into pods, typically groups of four. The children will sit with these same children at school every day.
16. **Social distancing norms** will be taught to children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class.
17. We will have **staggered breaks** for the children. This means that only half of the children will be on the yard at any one time. Each class will have their own play area on the yard.
18. Adults in the school may choose to wear masks or visors. It is not recommended that children wear masks.
19. The children will be asked to leave all books, copies and stationery equipment in school each day. Children will not be permitted to share pens, pencils, crayons, markers etc.
20. **Homework** will not be assigned during the month of September.
21. Children will be asked to leave their coats or jackets on the back of their chair while they are in class.
22. **School lunches** will be provided from the second week of September.
23. **All classes will not return to school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.**  
**Please see the table below.**

	Junior School	Senior School
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Junior Infants Senior Infants Speech and Language Class  First and Second Class stay at home	Fifth Class Sixth Class  Third and Fourth Class stay at home
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Junior Infants Senior Infants Speech and Language Class First Class Second Class All Classes	Second Class Third Class Fourth Class  Fifth and Sixth Class Stay at Home All Classes
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>		

## Key Messages for Parents and Pupils



**Steps to minimise the risk of Covid -19 for Children and Staff as we return to school**



### For Appointment or Enquiries (096) 96201

In drawing up these plans, we have followed all the guidelines from the Dept.t of Health and the Dept of Education and Skills.

#### Morning Check

Where pupils are unwell, displaying symptoms of a cold, cough or flu like symptoms, or have been in close contact with a suspected case of COVID, they must stay at home and you need to contact the G.P.



**Bernie McGoldrick**  
(Home School Community Liaison Teacher)

Dear Parents,

As children and staff return to school in September, we want you to know that we are doing everything we can to ensure everyone in our school community is kept as safe as possible from the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

The staff and Board of Management are putting the measures listed below in place to ensure that we can all return to school safely.

These arrangements are based on the advice provided by the government at [www.gov.ie/backtoschool](http://www.gov.ie/backtoschool).

**Due to the risk associated with Covid-19, if your child has any health issues you wish to make the school aware of, please ring us on (096) 96201.**

Please read the measures listed below with your child and try to assure them that we will take great care of them during the new school year.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Tunney (Principal)      Monica Duffy (Deputy Principal)

## **New Arrangements for September 2020**

1. School drop and collection arrangements are as follows:

**Drop off Times at Gate:**

**The school doors will not open until 9.10 am. Please drop your child at the school between 9.10 am and 9.30am.**

**Staff will be outside to meet them.**

**Collection Times at Gate:**

**3rd/4th at 2.55pm      5th/6th at 3pm**

**Snr Infants at 2pm      1st/2nd at 2.55pm**

**Staff will bring the children out.**

**Parents will not be permitted to enter the school without an appointment.**

2. In keeping with Department of Education guidelines, one teacher (Ms. Nealon) has been appointed as the **Lead Worker Representative** to ensure that the school adheres strictly to best practices in relation to the protection of staff and children from the spread of Covid-19.

3. The Board of Management has ratified a **Covid-19 Policy Statement and Response Plan**.

4. A room in the school will be used as an **isolation room**. If a staff member feels that a child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, the child

will be taken to the isolation room and their parents will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately. The room will be fully sanitised immediately afterwards.

5. Children who have travelled from countries not on the green list should not attend school during the fourteen day isolation period.

6. **Separate entrance/exit doors** have been allocated for different class groupings.

7. Parents are asked to avoid taking their children home before the school day ends unless for essential purposes. Please phone the school and arrange a collection time.

8. In the event that your child becomes unwell in school, it is of the **utmost importance that we have an up to date contact number for you**. We will send a contact details form home with your child in September. Please return it to the school without delay.

9. Parents who wish to make an appointment to speak to a teacher should call **096 96201**. We will make every effort to ensure all calls to this number between 9am and 4pm will be answered each day. If the phone is unanswered, please leave a voice message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

10. **Deep cleaning** has taken place throughout the school. A cleaner will be employed by the Board of Management to clean and sanitise areas of the school throughout the day (e.g. door handles, bathrooms etc).

11. **Sanitising equipment** has been installed throughout the whole school.

12. The children will be asked to wash and sanitise their hands regularly throughout the school day. Posters showing correct hand-washing techniques will be displayed throughout the school.

13. **Parents are asked to ensure their children's hands are washed thoroughly before they come to school and that they wear a clean school uniform.**

14. The special education teachers (SET) will take class groupings this year. This will allow us to have a maximum of approximately twelve students in any one classroom.