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School Phone No. for Parents – 096 96201

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Dear Parents,

We wish to sincerely thank you for working so well with us to keep the children safe at school since we opened in September. Now, more than ever, we need to try even harder to ensure that we keep the children protected from the spread of Covid-19. Therefore, I wish to remind you all of the following:

1. Children are asked to thoroughly wash their hands before they come to school and use the hand sanitiser immediately after entering the school building in the morning and again at regular intervals throughout the school day.
2. Parents are asked to drop their children at the school gate between 9:10am and 9:30am. Parents are asked not to enter the school grounds unless they have made an appointment by telephone using the **096 96201** number. Parents who attend a pre-arranged meeting in the school are asked to wear a mask for the full duration of the meeting.
3. It is very important that we have up to date contact details for all parents. Parents are asked to inform the school if their contact details change. **A text message was sent to all parents advising them that this letter was sent out with the children. If you did not receive the text message, you need to contact the school to let us know as it means we do not have the correct contact number for you.**

The government recently assured us that schools will remain open. However, we feel we need to be prepared if a decision is made at any time in the future to close schools in an effort to slow the spread of Covid-19.

We understand the challenges children and parents experienced with the online learning activities posted on the school website during the March to June lockdown period. In the event that schools are advised to close again, the teachers will give the children **a booklet of work to be completed at home**. In order to provide additional ongoing support for the children, we will provide every child with a Google Apps for Education email account so we can provide a facility for children and/or their parents to **email completed worksheets to teachers**. Before we do this, we want your permission and request that you kindly complete the permission form overleaf and return it to the school on or before Thursday 15th of October.

On Thursday 15th and Friday 16th Oct., only the students in 3rd to 6th classes will be permitted to take a mobile phone to school so they can be taught how to photograph a completed worksheet for the purposes of emailing it to their class teacher.

Please feel free to contact us (096 96201) directly if you require any further information or have any concerns about your child using a Google Apps for Education email account.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Tunney and Monica Duffy



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Child/Childrens' Name/s:

I have discussed the following with my child/children:

1. My child's Google Apps account will be used only for sending emails to and receiving emails from her/his teacher.
2. I will help my child to understand the importance of not sharing her/his password with anyone other than his/her parents.
3. I understand that the teachers in Scoil Iosa reserve the right to access my child's email account at any time if they have any concerns about the content sent or received from the account.
4. I understand that the Google Apps account will be suspended immediately by the school if there is any evidence of it being used for sending or receiving inappropriate content.

I consent to Scoil Iosa setting up a Google Apps for Education email account for my child/children.

Yes

No

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____