

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to St. Patrick's on Monday August 31st for the start of the new school year. Please observe the points below to ensure everyone's safety. A separate email to follow will outline the specifics of the drop off / collection arrangements. We are very grateful for your cooperation with the following:

1. Pupils arrive to the regular yard on school mornings, supervision from 8:40a.m. (school starts at 8:50a.m.). Yards are delineated into zones for every class.
 2. On wet days yard supervisors will arrange for classes to be admitted to the school at 8:40a.m.
 3. Pupils to bring own facecloth in 'ziplock' bag or equivalent to school to dry hands. Please ensure a supply of tissues. Pupils encouraged to use a lunchbox which can be cleaned regularly. We understand that flexibility is required in relation to uniforms / tracksuits as you may be washing these items more regularly.
 4. Pupils from 3rd upwards will be permitted to bring their own sanitiser though sanitiser dispensers have been erected in all classrooms and support rooms.
 5. It is very important that physical distancing is respected by staff, pupils, parents and visitors.
 6. Use of *park n' stride* encouraged. Walk to school where possible.
 7. Assistance required from all so that we avoid people congregating at entrances / exits when meeting pupils.
 8. Due to Covid-19 restrictions visits to the school by prior appointment only. Ring 0949023438. Enter and exit via Chapel Street entrance. Please make your presence known to the secretary using the hatch window at reception and fill in the contact tracing log.
 9. Please collect your child promptly from school at finish time.
 10. HSE Public Health Advice For Parents- to help protect everyone in our school community please do not send your child to school if your child has:
 - a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
 - any other common symptoms of coronavirus such as a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath
 - been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus
 - been living with someone who is unwell and may have coronavirus
- Best wishes to all our pupils and families for the school year ahead. These are challenging times for all but we will support each other in prioritising the safety of our school community.

Kind Regards, The Staff of St. Patrick's

