

4th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, we fully appreciate your patience and co-operation as we progress with our re-opening of the school as safely as we can during this time of pandemic.

It is our overall aim at the moment to establish core routines that are focused on keeping both children and staff safe.

Children will return to school on Monday 7th September to their full class. This will now be their Bubble. All of the boys and girls have been very sensible and co-operative particularly regarding the strict hygiene routines of hand washing, sanitisation and the social distancing measures that has been recommended for younger children.

*Please Note: **Nursery** children will remain in phasing-in Bubbles until later in the month.*

Lunchtime

The lunch menu is available on the school website.

At the moment the previous variety on the lunchtime menu is much reduced as we cannot allow children to queue at the hatch. The kitchen staff are bringing the food plated to the children at their seat. There may be more items on their plate than they would choose but they are not compelled to eat everything.

There are now two sittings at lunchtime: P1 – P3 11.45 – 12.30pm and

P4 – P7 12.30 – 1.15pm

Two classes are in the Dining Hall at the same time in zones while the other two classes are outside (weather permitting).

School Holidays

Due to schools opening from Monday 24th August the School Holiday list that was published last February has been revised. (See below). This list will also be uploaded onto the website and found in the Tab – Parent Area. When you hover over this tab a list including Holiday List will appear.



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Drop Off/Pick Up

These times have been monitored daily and currently have been SAFE because all adults are very respectful of the school's social distancing signage and public health messages. In addition, due to the phased return, we have not yet had everyone there together.

Drop Off

Children are all entering through the appropriate gates and there has been no evidence of congestion or people gathering at the gates to date. It is our opinion that families are managing this by using the time (8.45 – 9.00) their child/ren arrive effectively and no-one is staying for a chat, as requested. If this continues next week when all children return (Monday – Friday) there is no need to allocate specific times. It will be monitored and time allocations implemented if necessary.

Pick Up

Again, this has been working well and your patience is very much appreciated. With P1 still being phased in there are less adults required at gates at 2pm., so this will be monitored as we progress through September.

P4 – P7

P4K will be at **Gate 2** at 2.50pm and P5/6C at 3.00pm

P5/6McG will be at **Gate 3** at 2.50pm and P7C at 3.00pm

On Fridays due to school normally ending at the same time for everyone the following will be in place

P1S will be at **Gate 1** at 1.40pm

P1H will be at **Gate 2** at 1.40pm

P2K will be at **Gate 3** at 1.40pm

P3McA/L will be at **Gate 1** at 2.00pm

P4K will be at **Gate 2** at 1.50pm and P5/6C at 2.00pm

P5/6McG will be at **Gate 3** at 1.50pm and P7C at 2.00pm

Miss McGeady will inform parents/carers of children in Nursery of their pick up times.

School Holidays 2020 – 2021

The dates below are days the children will be off school

Revised holiday list due to Covid-19 amendment to Autumn 2020

school term

(holidays with additional days in red)

School re-opening	Monday 24 th August
Staff Training	Monday 28 th September
Hallowe'en Holidays	Monday 26 th October – Tuesday 3 rd Nov.
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday 23 rd December – Friday 8 th Jan.
Mid-term break	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
St Patrick's Day	Wednesday 17 th March
Easter Holidays	Friday 2 nd April – Friday 9 th April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May
May Bank Holiday	Friday 28 th May – Tuesday 1 st June
Summer Holidays begin	Wednesday 30 th June