



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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A huge welcome back to all the pupils of St. Eugene's PS. We are delighted to be open again at last and to see everyone. We have really missed you all!

We pray for the speedy recovery of Cliodhna Daly who is now out of hospital and doing amazingly well in her recovery at home. We hope we will see her back at school soon.

We understand that there will be some apprehension among parents and children about returning to school. We want to reassure you that we have been issued with Dept. of Education guidance on the restart and we are following this to the letter to ensure the virus is kept at bay in our school.

CHANGES TO OUR DAY - WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Pupils will wear their uniforms and may bring a coat and a bag to school. They may bring a lunchbox which can be washed each day, and a water bottle with their name on it. They will need to bring a snack as this will not be provided by the school. The school will provide all stationery, please do not send this with your child.

START OF DAY

Children may arrive at school from 8.30am but there will be no Breakfast Club for now. They will be supervised in their own classroom. Guidance has advised that, where possible, children walk, or are taken to school by car. However, where this is not possible, they should wear a mask on the school bus and sit with a sibling or someone from their own class if at all possible. If wearing a re-usable mask, they need to bring a small plastic bag to store it in. On arrival at school the children will be going straight to their classroom and hand washing will mark the start of their day.

DURING THE DAY

The children in each classroom are in a "protective bubble". There is no requirement to socially distance within each class. The children will eat their snack in the classroom. When outside they will play in the areas allotted to their bubble. The children also will eat their lunch/dinner in the school canteen with their own class.

HOME TIME

2pm pick-ups - the classroom assistant will bring the children out to the front of the school to be collected.

3pm pick-ups- the class teachers will bring the children out to be collected and to get the bus.

N.B. On both arrival and collection times, parents are asked not to enter the school buildings as a means of preventing the spread of the virus. Please ensure as far as possible that pick up times are punctual and children will go directly to their car. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

P.E.

Sean O'Kane will return for Gaelic skills each Friday. P1-4 will not bring P.E. kit but should wear trainers to school on Fridays. P5-7 should wear their P.E. kit to school and all day on Fridays.

MUSIC

Our usual music tuition with Mrs. Sweeney is suspended for the time being. We are hoping to revive this as soon as possible.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are £2.60 per day. Dinner money must be paid promptly daily or weekly.

IMPORTANT DATES

First Confession:- Tuesday 8th Sept. in St. Mary' Church Knockmoyle at 6pm.

First Holy Communion:- Saturday 12th Sept. in St. Mary's Church Knockmoyle at 12 noon.

Further information on First Holy Communion will follow for those families involved.

Staff Development Day:- Monday 28th Sept. - school closed for pupils.