

## PREPARATIONS FOR SCHOOL REOPENING IN AUTUMN 2020



We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school in late August. To comply with public health advice and to ensure the safety of everyone in the school community, the following changes will be introduced to the school day. Please note the return dates for the classes vary to facilitate a smooth orientation for our pupils with regard to the new layout of the school buildings and the new procedures they will need to follow.

### 1. Return Dates –

Pupils from **3rd to 6th Class** will come to school on **Thursday 27th August @ 8:50**

**ONLY** Pupils from **Senior Infants to 2nd Class** will come to school on **Friday 28th August @8.50**

(pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will stay at home)

**Junior Infants and our pupils in Le Chéile** will start on **Monday 31st August @10am**. Pupils from **all** other classes will start school at 8.50am.

2. The school day will begin at **8.50am**. For now, we can no longer hold Morning Assembly in the school yard so pupils will go **straight to their classrooms**. Large gatherings of people waiting in groups together outside the school gates has to be avoided. Please encourage your child where possible to **walk or 'park and stride'**, to avoid unnecessary traffic congestion on School Avenue in the morning and at collection time.

3. All **Afterschool Clubs** and **Homework Clubs** will have to be suspended for now. This is necessary in order to preserve the Covid 19 Bubbles and Hubs we will have created.

4. To ensure the safety of all if anyone is unwell, they must **NOT** attend school. Anybody returning from **overseas** must not attend school for **2 weeks**, if this is the public health advice.

5. Pupils may wear either tracksuit or uniform to school. This will facilitate laundering of same.

The safety of all our pupils and staff remains our priority as we put all arrangements in place to open our schools once again.

Please check our website for further details in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding,

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