

We're Going Back To School



Dear Parent/ Guardian and Students,

We hope that you have all survived Storm Ellen and that there is a little sunshine coming your way morning.

We are continuing our planning for your safe return to school and trust that all our students are now familiar with hand washing guidelines which were posted on 19th August, 2020.

We have some more important information that we would now like you to read and absorb. This is very much a whole school effort and we know that familiarising ourselves with relevant information and protocols will greatly assist with ensuring a safe return to our school. We are all in this together and we know we can count on you all for your continued support.

As stated previously, our school will be implementing recommendations provided by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (hpsc).

Please be aware of the following:

Illness

If your son is feeling unwell he should not attend school.

If your son is feeling unwell during the day, we have procedures in place to support him and you will be contacted.

Know the Symptoms of COVID-19

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 it is important to know and recognise the symptoms. They are:

- ✓ High temperature
- ✓ Cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- ✓ Loss of smell, of taste or distortion of taste

Facemasks

Your son must wear a facemask/ covering to school. He should bring 3 masks and replace his mask after morning and lunch breaks. Please ensure he has a re-sealable plastic bag to put each used mask into.

Lunch

The shop is closed. Please ensure your son has a packed lunch with him for small break and lunch. He must bring home all uneaten food / wrappings in his lunch box. He must bring plenty of water. The communal taps will be closed. Students are not allowed down town at present.

School Drop Offs:

We would encourage your son to walk/cycle to school if you live nearby.

If you are dropping your son to school, please note the following:

1. If you are coming from the town/Allen Square side, please drop your son off at the school and continue to the end of the railings and turn right up by the handball alley.
2. If you are coming from the Dunmanway side, please proceed down Laurel Walk and drop your son off before you reach the school and turn left up by the handball alley.

Parents/Guardians : Please remain in your car.

School Collections:

If you are collecting your son from school, please approach the school from the town/ Allen Square side and after collecting your son proceed up by the handball alley or proceed up Laurel Walk.

Parents/Guardians : Please remain in your car.

Books.

To avoid overloading school bags, your son can 'screen shot' using his phone/ tablet, the relevant pages from his books as directed by his teacher. Alternatively he can download an e book where this option is available. Some teachers may need him to bring in his book. Subject teachers will explain the options on your son's return to school.

Sanitiser stations.

Each class room will have a supply of sanitiser and wipes for teachers in the 'Teacher Zone'. This is a clearly marked area. It will be deemed a serious breach of the Code of Behaviour' if your son enters this zone and tampers with these items.

There will also be a hand sanitiser station for students at the entrance to each classroom. Students will be required to sanitise their hands using this station each time they enter and leave the class room. It will be deemed a serious breach of the Code of Behaviour' if your son tampers with the hand sanitiser station in a classroom.

We are also encouraging all students to have a small bottle of hand sanitiser in their school bag for their own personal use. Hands will need to be sanitised before eating. We are also encouraging proper hand hygiene after coughing or sneezing.

We will communicate further with you today regarding coughing and sneezing protocols.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and for ensuring your sons are fully aware of the important role each of them plays in maintaining our school community as a safe space in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you,

Mr Eugene O' Brien

Principal





Personal Responsibility

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