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21th August 2021

Return to School – Wednesday 25th August

First of all, a very warm welcome to all returning students and the new Junior Infants. I'm sure you all have been waiting patiently for communication regarding the safe opening of school. Similar to last year, re-opening the school safely will require the co-operation of all members of our School Community – BoM, School Leadership, Staff, Parents and Pupils. We will all be called on to play our part in ensuring that re-opening of the school is done in a safe manner which prevents the spread of the virus and allows the vital work of Teaching and Learning to proceed with as little disruption as possible.

The following are steps to ensuring the safe return of all the school community in relation to Covid19.

- Physical preparation, signage, hand sanitiser stations
- Advice, procedures and training for the safe return to working in the school for all school staff and pupils
- General and specific advice on how all pupils, staff, parents and visitors will prevent the spread of the virus

Below is a list of safety precautions to note

Please read the following changes regarding opening times, break times, lining up in the yard, uniform, students stationary, lunches, and personal health.

- **Opening Times:** As per usual supervision of the school yard will commence at 9:20am until 9:30am. When children arrive at school they will be directed to the same zones as last year. Ms Kinane and Ms Mc Millan students will find their cones outside the infant classrooms.
- Ms Bailey, Ms Bourke / Wallace and Mr Mc Loughlin's students will line up at designated areas on the basketball court

Unfortunately children will have to line up and stay in their line as soon as they arrive at school to minimise interaction with others.

These stations will be used for lining up at the end of each break.

New Junior infants will have a staggered start time for the first day.

- **Home Times:** Bus going children will have designated areas to line up while waiting for the bus at 3:10pm. Children will be assigned to these areas depending on which bus they travel on.

We would ask parents of all other children to be collected at 3:00pm to practise social distancing in the car park. Children being collected by car will exit the school at the convent side gate. **Please wear face covering dropping / collecting your child**

➤ **Personal Health:** While all children will be welcome back to school, we would remind parents that, where children are displaying colds, coughs or flu like symptoms, they should not be sent to school. Children who display such symptoms in school will be isolated and parents asked to collect them from the school.

➤ **Uniforms:** Outdoor PE days will be scheduled for Tuesday and Thursdays. Children will wear school tracksuit/half zip on those days. Orders have ½ zips will be taken in the middle of September.

School uniform will be worn Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will hopefully assist with advice on laundry procedures/regime directed by the Department.

➤ **School Equipment:** Due to the new regulations children are not permitted to share any personal items in school. All children will be required to have their own school pencil case which will be left in school. We will be providing children with their own glue sticks, paint brush, scissors and other art materials during the year.

➤ **School Fees:** Change to fees for 2020/21

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| - Art / Craft | €10 | |
| - Photocopying / texting | €10 | |
| - Insurance | €8 | |
| - Music/Dance & Activities | <u>€30</u> | |
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| | <u>Total</u> | €58 (Due end of September) |

Please note IBAN numbers for online payments (Please write your child's name after payment)

School Fees (€58): IE87BOFI90593451108900

➤ **Parents calling to School:** Parent will be requested to ring school in advance if collecting a child for an appointment or for any other reason. If parents wish to meet with teachers, a prior appointment will have to be made. Any parent entering the building will have to

- **Wear a mask, sanitise and complete contact tracing form as per HSE guidelines.**

**All letters sent by text can also be viewed on our website
<http://www.newinngirlsschool.ie/school-202122/>**

We are really looking forward to welcoming our children back to school and will be doing all that we can to ensure that the return to school is a safe and enjoyable experience for the children. Please visit links below for guidance / advice for parents and children

Web address: www.newinngirlsschool.ie. Email: info@newinngirlsschool.ie

1. Video advice for parents and students at different levels
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>

2. Posters/graphics advice for parents
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>

3. Multilingual advice for parents <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0cf46-resources-and-materials-for-parentsguardians-and-for-students-on-returning-to-school-multi-lingual/>

4. Communications to Parents regarding School Transport – SEN and Primary
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/64a88-school-transport/>

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