



Return to School Routine

This document is a work in progress and will be amended as required. It has been drafted in good faith and with input from staff, Board of Management members and Parents Representatives.

The Board of Management (BOM) devised this protocol in anticipation of the school reopening on Thursday August 27th 2020. It was reviewed in June 2021 and is being revised in line with public health advice for the opening of schools for the 2021-2022 academic year.

The school will open for pupils and staff on Thursday 26th August at 8:50am. Prior to returning to school all staff completed the Covid Return to Work Form and were made aware again of online DES training. A Return to Education Form was emailed to all parents and must be completed in respect of all pupils. This form is also available on our school website, www.stnicholasprimaryschool.com.

Please seek and follow public health advice if your child has returned to Ireland from another country within 14 days of his/her return to school.

The additional safety measures put in place in the school to take account of the continued challenges posed by the Covid 19 virus in August 2020 remain in place for the start of this academic year.

St. Nicholas Primary School appreciates your support as we try to safely reopen the school building. If at all possible we request you not to come onto the school grounds or into the school building unless it is essential. Working together we hope to be able to progress the reopening in as safe a manner as possible for all.

We would ask all parents to familiarise themselves with the following drop-off and collection routines for the safe delivery and collection of pupils from school.

It is imperative that

- adults do not come within 2m of each other
- parents do not try to have meetings with members of staff in the playground at drop-off and collection times – meetings between parents and teachers can only take place by prior arrangement. (This may have to be more restrictive depending on guidance - it is quite possible that the recommendation will be for remote meetings/telephonic communications.)

- all parents adhere to the drop-off and collection plans as outlined below.

Staggered drop-off Plan

Start times remain alphabetically and are as follows:

1. Staggered drop off times 8:50am - 9:00am - (A- L inclusive) and bus children
9:00-9:10am- M- Z and Childcare Givers
2. Staggered pick-up times 2:20pm- 2:30pm- (A- L inclusive) and bus children
2:30pm- 2:40pm - M- Z and Childcare Givers

Junior Infants and Senior Infants will go home together at the usual time of 1:40pm.

The following classes will entry through the following doors:

1. Reception Door (Door 1)- Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 4th classes only
2. Back Door (Door 2) - 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes only
3. School Hall Door (Door 3)- 5th and 6th classes only.

NB. Junior Infants will be in school from 10:00-12:00 on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th August.

Monday August 30th – Friday 10th September (2 weeks), Junior Infants will be in school from 9:30am-12:30am.

From Monday, September 13th, children will be in for the full day (starting time, entry door etc are outlined in the above document.

Finally, all children are required to wear their school uniforms and school tracksuit to school this year.

Thanking you for your continued patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Tom Gilroy
Chairperson.

Siobhán Henry
Principal.