Dear Parents,

I hope you are all continuing to remain well. The BOM and school leadership have been meeting this week to ensure a safe return to school for all children. We have now finalized and ratified our COVID policy and Response Plan and it is available to view on our website.

We have made changes to our physical environment here at the school. All furniture except for desks and chairs has now been removed from the classrooms to ensure children have maximum space and to enable us to socially distance within our class bubbles.

Junior infants, first and second class will enter through the main gate, be directed to the right and access their classrooms via the car park.

Senior infants will be directed left at the gate and access their classroom through the playground to the left of the school (the tower side).

3rd and 4th class will use the main entrance as their entry point.

5th and 6th class have moved to the big room and will use the old front door entrance on the left (near the tower).

There will be a member of staff guiding children upon their arrival at school as we all familiarize ourselves with this entry/exit system.

Once in the classrooms the children will sit in their pods. Movement between pods will not be permitted. We will review this at the end of week 2.

Parents, please do not come onto the school grounds. We appreciate your support and assure you that we are following all guidelines. At the gate it is imperative that adults do not come within 2m of each other and we ask that you as parents to be patient and bear with us as we endeavor to embed necessary precautionary and protective practices at the beginning of the school year.

All parents must adhere to the drop of and collection plans as outlined below.

Drop off:

The school gates will open at 8:30am. However, we would ask that unless it’s absolutely necessary for you to drop at 8:30 ( i.e. due to work commitments) to refrain from doing so as children will have to wait outside and must socially distance at the front of the school. We cannot allow children into the hall as we have always done as seating has been removed and it would also mean class bubbles mixing. Staff will be in their classrooms from 8:40 to supervise pupils and pupils will be met at the gate and directed along the entry route allocated to their class grouping from this time.

If you are running late please contact me on 086-8191805 and I will arrange to have your child met at the gate and accompanied to the classroom.

Junior infants will not start until 9:30 am for the first week and collection at 12 noon. Again, please wait at the gate to collect your child at dismissal time. A member of staff will greet them at the gate.

Bus children will also be accompanied to their classes upon their arrival.

Collection plan:

Junior and senior infants:

Junior infant’s collection time will be 1:35 pm

Senior infants 1:40pm

Bus children will leave 2:25

Children with surnames beginning with letter **A - K** to be collected at 2:30

For example BYRNE, COSTELLO, DUNPHY, FARRELL to be collected at 2:30

Children with surnames **L - Z** to be collected at 2:40

For example LYNCH, MURPHY, REILLY to be collected at 2:40

Again we ask that all parents wait in their cars until the gates are opened and to move away as quickly as possible when they have their children collected to facilitate the safe and smooth hand over of your children. It is also extremely important that all parents arrive in time for the drop off and collection of their children.

We realize this system will take a little time to embed with pupil, teachers and parents alike and we ask for your patience and co-operation.

We have a change in staffing this year Ms. Annemarie Golden has taken a career break, Ms. Edel Moran will move into Ms. Goldens role in Special Education and Ms. Emer Dillane has been appointed on a fixed term contract and will be teaching 1st and 2nd class .

Office hours will be from 12:15 – 3.00pm. daily. Outside of these hours please contact me on 086-8191805 with any questions or concerns as the school phone is not always answered alternatively you can email [clonbonnyns@gmail.com](mailto:clonbonnyns@gmail.com).

Stay Safe

Joan and staff

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