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School Community Newsletter

15/9/2020

We extend a warm welcome back to the full school community. We give a particular welcome to our new Junior Infants and our new pupils that transferred into Senior Infants and 4th Class.

Staffing

We welcome Ms. Andrews, Mr. McNamara and Ms. Gallagher to our school.

Back to School Arrangements

We would like to thank all teachers for the new arrangements they made to their rooms in advance of reopening. Special thanks to Liam Quinn and Catherine who were very busy in advance of reopening. Thank you to Ms. O' Rourke who has been coordinating all our efforts to reopen the school safely in her new role as Assistant Principal with duties that include Health and Safety. Ms. O' Rourke replaces Mr. Crowe in his management position.

Other Renovations

Thank you to Liam Quinn who has painted the main building and put in drainage in our playground. Both jobs are very well done.

Response Plan

It is essential that everyone plays their part in keeping us as safe as possible. As noted by the text with the BOM Agreed Report, the BOM met last week to complete the third revision of the plan, following consultation with the Parents Association and staff. Make sure you read the Response Plan in full. Please note the guidance on staff face coverings wasn't explained clearly enough so we took it off the website for a few minutes, explained our decision better and uploaded it again. The full plan is available here:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Reopening-Plan-3-Version-3-10-9-2020.pdf>

You will see that most of the first section mainly applies to staff but it is important you are aware of what internal procedures we have to keep us all safe.

Please note the section on 'Children not Attending School' should read children in the 'very high risk' category will be provided with tuition each day. We are going to pause singing until we get further guidance and clarity from the DES.

It is essential you specifically check the procedures for each of the following against the Revised Plan:

Wash your hands video

Lunch box and drinks container sanitising requirements

Temperature check requirement

Uniform requirements

Staggered arrival times

Staggered dismissal time

Sharing rules

Rules around appointments

Money collection

Procedures around school books and supplies

Respiratory and hand hygiene

Children with Masks

Read the note re privacy:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Privacy-Notification-to-Parents-Contact-Tracing.pdf>

Read Latest Advice: The following advice was published by the HSE on 14/9/2020. It covers when to self-isolate and when you should or shouldn't send your child to school:

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html>

Read what will happen if there is a suspected case:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Schools-Pathway-for-Covid-19-the-Public-Health-approach-Aug-2020.pdf>

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Letter-to-schools-re-Covid-Cases-27.08.20-1.pdf>

Google Classroom

In the event of a full or partial closure, teachers will publish teaching videos using Google Classroom. Mr. Hickey has given training to all staff on this and we released a video to you yesterday on how to access it and set up your child's log-in details. Thank you to Mr. Hickey for his work on this. **It is essential you set up the log-in details now.**

Stay Safe

All classes will be teaching the Stay Safe Programme in the next two weeks. Topics include
Feeling Safe/ Unsafe

Bullying

Touches

Secrets and Telling

Strangers

The lessons are available here: <http://www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm>

Communication re Absences

Please email the school office, parteenoffice@gmail.com , directly with absence reasons. Please do not send in a note. Email is the preferred method as we aim to keep the phone line as free as possible. Catherine will forward the email directly to the teacher. Going through the school email allows us to monitor patterns in absences.

T-shirts

The Parents Association will shortly be organising distribution of the school t-shirts. These are not a compulsory part of the uniform but parents find them very good quality. To order:

Send an email to parentsassociation@parteenschool.ie with your child's name, teacher's name and class, the size and number of t-shirts you want.

Everybody will get an e-payment request. Enter multiples of €10 for required numbers of t-shirts.

Kind regards,

Ger and Mairéad