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Reopening Schools: the New School Day

PARENT UPDATE 7 – Reminders!

Dear Parents,

We've had a great start back to the new school year, with the vast majority of our pupils settled and getting back into the swing of being in school. I want to thank you particularly for being punctual for your morning drop-off time; the staggered times are working so well with pupils being able to go in to school and get to their class in a calm manner without any congestion. Now just a few reminders for our pupils' safety and yours:

MORNING DROP-OFF

- Whilst we appreciate your punctuality, please **do not arrive TOO early** – 8.25am, 8.40am, 8.55am are spot on
- Only **one adult** should be accompanying a child into the school grounds; this greatly reduces congestion
- If you do need to wait a few minutes for your child's entry to start, you have a personal responsibility to **socially distance from other parents**. There must be no congregating or lingering in the school grounds for social chats
- Once your child is in his/her line ready to go in to school, please wave goodbye and leave or stand back from the drop off area and wait at a social distance to other parents for your child to enter the building



CARS

- With staggered drop offs the road is much less congested in a morning. By **leaving promptly after you have dropped off your child**, you are creating space for the next cohort of parents
- Please **NEVER drive into the gateway** to drop off your child and **NEVER use it for turning your car**. This is endangering the lives of pupils and parents who have to use the main gateway as a pedestrian entrance
- Those of you dropping off your children for Early Birds, Early Chicks or the 8.25am drop-off, PLEASE be aware that **staff will be driving into the car park and across the front of the school** (Nursery staff). Please do not congregate in the main gateway which then blocks traffic



AFTERNOON PICK-UP



- Again, many thanks for your **punctuality** – with staggered pick up times this is essential to allow staff to go back into school for their next group of pupils
- As for drop-off, only **one adult** should enter the school grounds and **MUST socially distance from other waiting parents**
- If your child is in P4-7 and you have arranged for an older sibling who attends Clounagh Junior High School to meet him/her, **ONLY the sibling may enter the school grounds**, not all his/her friends. Clounagh has been informed of this.

P.P.E.

We are fully complying with DENI guidelines in relation to **staff's wearing of PPE**. As stated in the **Parent Update 4 letter: In relation to staff, the document states: PPE will only be required in a very small number of cases. We envisage the situations where PPE will be required by staff to be:**

- For First Aiders when dealing with a situation requiring First Aid
- For Special Needs assistants who, by the nature of their jobs, will have to sit close to the pupils whom they are supporting and will not be able to keep the 2m social distance required (face visors)
- For any staff who, because of underlying health issues, are in the 'vulnerable' category. In this case, staff will wear a face visor which is less intimidating to young children than a face mask

If staff need to wear a face mask along with or instead of a visor, due to their proximity to the children they're working with or due to their own health issues, they will do so. This is explained to children and, at this stage, all children are so used to seeing you and other people in the community wearing masks, it is now completely 'normal' to them!

Please continue to contact me anytime by phone or email with any questions, queries or concerns.

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