



OUR
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TERENURE



January 5th 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year. I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable break.

The school will reopen tomorrow as normal for all year groups and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school. The next few weeks will be challenging for our community due to the current high level of omicron infection in wider society and the associated absences from school and work. It is important that we redouble our efforts regarding the basic public health measures to ensure continuity of service provision in the school for all students and staff members.

A reminder that students must come to school with a supply of masks. This was not always the case before Christmas. **No student should be presenting at reception without a mask.**

We are very familiar with the public health messages to ensure the safety of the whole community but I would ask you to carefully read them again and reinforce them with your daughter (s):

1. Before Coming to School – 'If Unwell Stay at Home'

- If a member of our community is unwell, we are operating a 'If Unwell Stay at Home' policy. Should a member of our community experience any of the symptoms of Covid-19 as outlined by the HSE, that member of our community is advised to stay at home and seek appropriate medical intervention.
- For those attending school, please take personal responsibility in relation to hand and respiratory hygiene in advance of arrival.

2. Getting to School

- In line with public health advice, we encourage you to walk or cycle to school where possible, alleviating pressure on public transport
- Where public transport is used, students need to adhere to public health advice and take the necessary and most up to date advice as outlined by the HSE.

3. Arrival

- Please arrive in school leaving sufficient time to comply with health and safety guidelines and to be learning-ready. The school building will be open at the normal times and students need to be in school before 08.25am.
- **Wear a mask in school at all times in the correct fashion ensuring that the mask covers the nose**

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- **Sanitise your hands** on entering the building and before entering your classroom. Hand sanitising stations are available at every entrance and at every classroom.
- Full school uniform or full PE uniform may be worn by students. A mix of both sets of uniform is not permitted.
- Students can wear their school uniform coat throughout the day to keep warm. Layers under the school uniform or PE uniform can also be worn.
- Phones are not permitted on a students' person and must be kept at all times in lockers or school bags.
- Social distancing should be observed at all times.
- Students should take every opportunity to go outside at break and lunchtimes.

Student Absence

- The APP is the only place to notify the school in relation to student absence. Please do not phone the school.
- All teachers will continue to post classwork on their google classroom where possible so that students who are absent and asymptomatic can keep up with school work.

I appreciate your cooperation with all of these points outlined above as we all work very hard to ensure that our school continues to provide quality teaching and learning to our students through these challenging times.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year

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