



Here is some practical information you will need for your child's return to school:



1. First day back to school

* One parent should accompany child to their classroom

2. Arrival and Departure from school

* Children can arrive to their class between 8.50 and 9.10

* Please see *Back to School Update 1* that outlines all our arrival and departure procedures for each class.

3. Lunchbreaks

Morning Break

10:45-10:55 Children will spend this break in their classes

*Classes will be encouraged to get outside for morning exercise instead of usual yard time.

Lunchtime:

12:00-12:30: 6 classes

Junior Infants (3) & 1st Class (3)

12:40-13:10: 7 Classes

Senior Infants (3) & 2nd Class (4)

*The school yard will be divided into 7 distinct play areas. Each class will be assigned an area.



4. Children's Lunches

We ask that children bring in an empty lunchbox to bring home lunch packaging and left over lunch food.

The children will receive a hot lunch and morning snack every day as per last year.

Morning snack:

All classes to receive a morning snack as per last year's schedule to commence from Tuesday 1st of September. Junior Infants will also receive a morning snack.

Hot Lunch

Next week Senior Infants, 1st Class and 2nd Class pupils will receive a hot lunch at lunchtime as per last year's menu options. New students in each of these year groups will be able to choose from a supplementary supply of hot lunches until menu choices are registered. We are working in partnership with Glanmore Foods to have our Hot Lunches up and running for Tuesday 1st of September. In the event that the Hot Lunches are not operational for Tuesday 1st of September, Glanmore will supply classes with a variety of sandwich lunch packs until the Hot Lunches are operational. We will keep you informed on this. Either way, lunches will be provided to children from day one of school.

Junior Infants will not receive a hot lunch in the first weeks due to the length of school day. Junior Infants will receive menus next week in order to register for the service and families will be informed of start date in due course.

5. Homework

Children will **not** receive homework for the month of September.



6. Schoolbags

Children can bring in their own school bags to school. We have two hand sanitiser dispensers, tissues and paper towels available in each classroom but if you wish your child can bring in their own sanitiser and tissues in their school bag. Apart from lunchbox and drink bottle it requested that children do not bring other items to school.



7. Stationery

Teachers will supply all stationery and supplies needed for school including pencils, colours, and art & craft equipment.



8. Books

Booklists will be available on the school website from Friday 28th of August. The school supplies all books, folders, copies and equipment. We will send home a printed booklist and **labelled envelope** for book money to be taken with all children on Tuesday 1st of September. **We ask you to submit payment in dedicated labelled envelope from Wednesday 2nd of September.** Each child is asked to give the payment directly to the class teacher on entering the classroom during the first two weeks of school. A receipt will be issued to parents and sent home in the child's schoolbag.

9. Uniforms

We encourage children to wear their uniform and school tracksuit as normal.

Our **Junior Infants** this year will pilot wearing school tracksuit every day.

For **Senior Infants** wearing uniform at this time, we encourage children to wear a blue airtex t-shirts (or similar- e.g red airtex worn with school tracksuit) under their jumpers instead of shirts to make it easier to roll up sleeves for handwashing

Please wash your child's uniform and tracksuit regularly (once or twice a week as per usual). Coats should also be cleaned regularly.

Children should change out of uniform/tracksuit immediately after returning home from school.

10. Curriculum

Upon return to school there will be a particular focus on Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE), mental health and well-being and Physical Education.

We will be teaching the children about the new procedures in our school.

As always, we will be teaching the curriculum and will focus on areas that require revision etc. due to school closure since March.