



**SETNS Newsletter**  
**11th September 2020**

A very warm welcome back to the 2020/21 school year and a special welcome to the parents/guardians and pupils of Aoife, Avril and Keira's Junior Infants. Our new Junior Infants are doing particularly well settling in and we are very proud of them all. The current arrangement of 10am-12p.m will finish today. **From Monday 14th September, Junior Infants will arrive to the P.E Hall between 8.20a.m-8.30a.m and depart from there at 1.10p.m.**

I would particularly like to welcome new staff, Gwen Gallagher (3rd Class), Áine Clerkin (3rd Class) Niamh Friery, Niamh McEvoy and Ben Pyne who have all joined our staff this year. I would also like to welcome back Norah Kennedy who has been on an inter school Job Share for the past number of years. Finally, congratulations to all the gorgeous babies who have been born since our closure, Rosemary and baby Eli, Teresa and baby Sonny, Liz and baby Elodie and Claire O and baby Leo. We also wish Louise well over the coming weeks in anticipation of her new arrival.

We would like to wish our former 6th Class pupils, who successfully transitioned into Secondary School, the very best in their new schools. Thank you to all parents/guardians and children who have accommodated our new arrival and departure protocols. They are necessary for the safety of all. Please continue to adhere to social distancing while outside the school grounds and please drop children at the gates in the morning and allow them to walk in. Staff are dotted along the arrival and departure routes. We also recommend that you arrange a convenient, agreed meeting point for your child after school. This avoids crowding at the gates. Choose a location along the campus path where your child/children know where to meet you.



We are asking all parents/guardians to make themselves familiar with our covid response plan which is on our website. The plan clearly outlines our approach to dealing with Covid-19 within our school and how we, as a school, reduce risk and implement safer practices.

We encourage all families to ensure that;

- Your child is familiar with hand-washing etiquette and the use of hand sanitisers. <https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/how-to-wash-your-hands.html>
- You inform the school if you, your child or any family member has been in contact with somebody diagnosed with Covid-19. **Child must not be sent to school.**
- You inform the school if you have travelled to any of the countries outside the Government Green List within the last 2 weeks. **Child must not be sent to school.**
- You are aware of the symptoms:
  - **High temperature**
  - **Cough**
  - **Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties**
  - **Sudden Loss of smell, of taste or distortion of taste**

**By following these simple steps, we can keep all our children and staff safe.**

**RETURN RENTAL BOOKS**

If you have not done so already can you please return any book rental books that were used at home during the school closure. We are asking you to return books/workbooks in a sealed bag with your child's name and the date of return clearly labelled on the bag. These books are necessary for the children to complete revision over the coming weeks. Final date for return is **Wednesday 16th September.**



As communicated to you over the past number of weeks, the focus of our teaching and learning is around revision. Not only will we be revising the core subjects English, Gaelge and Maths but we also have some catching up to do in relation to SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education), RSE (Relationship and Sexuality Education) as well as our Weaving Wellbeing Programme. Class teachers will be in contact with you over the coming weeks with a detailed outline of specific areas that will be covered with your child's class.

Class teachers have also been providing very little homework to the children in an effort to ease the transition back to school. Over the coming weeks, more structured homework activities will be provided. It is important to note that Homework might not always be corrected the next day, due to the fact that any books/copies etc brought from outside of the school must be left for a period of time before they can be fully sanitised and checked. We appreciate your cooperation while we learn these new routines.

Finally, if children are absent from school with colds, flus or awaiting COVID-19 Testing etc, class teachers cannot provide work to be completed at home.

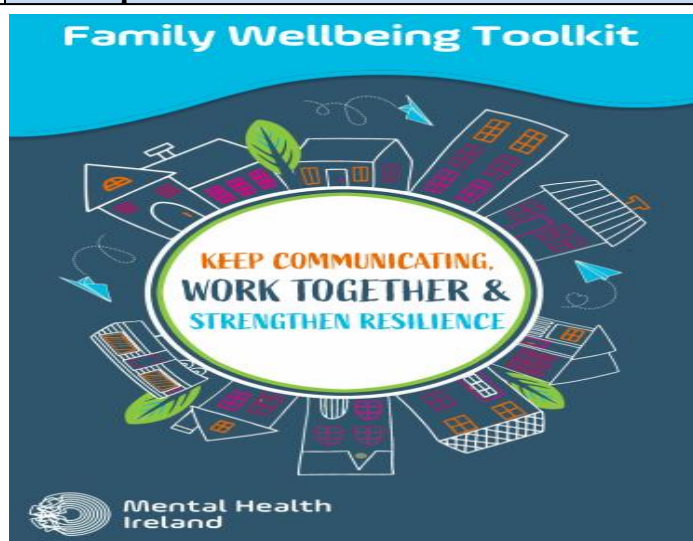


Parking restrictions are in place on the road outside the school gates. Please park with caution, avoid reversing into the school grounds when turning and be mindful of children travelling in and out of the school premises. Please adhere to parking regulations in relation to disabled spaces and do not block any other parked car. Our priority is children's safety and we are asking parents/guardians to exercise due caution and to set a good example when parking.

**Strictly no admittance**

If you need to contact the office, please do so by telephone or email. We cannot permit unauthorised personnel inside the front doors due to current restrictions. There is a new intercom system installed at the front door for emergency situations, should you wish to contact Catriona.

**Due to the volume of parents/guardians on the campus each morning and evening, can we ask that you wear a face covering and adhere to social distancing while you wait. Thank you!**



**Family Wellbeing Toolkit**

A well thought out resource from Mental Health Ireland where resilience and talking about our feelings during this time are highlighted.

<https://www.mentalhealthireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Family-Wellbeing-Toolkit-Reduced-Size.pdf>

**HSE Isolation Quick Guide**

The HSE have issued an Isolation quick guide to assist schools/parents/guardians in procedures involved before, during and after a Covid-19 Test. . It is available at;

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/childcareguidance/Isolation%20quick%20guide%20v1.1.pdf>

	Condition	Person	Others
1	Proven COVID-19	Self-isolate 14 days with last 5 days without a fever	Close contacts restrict movements for 14 days (after last contact with case)
2	COVID-19 symptoms, not tested	Self-isolate 14 days with last 5 days without a fever	Close contacts restrict movements for 14 days
3	COVID-19 symptoms awaiting test (this includes patients with samples reported as indeterminate/invalid until such time as repeat test is available or it has been determined that COVID-19 has been excluded on other grounds)	Self-isolate pending test result	Members of the household restrict movements pending test results
4	COVID-19 symptoms test result "Not Detected"	Follow medical advice. Restrict movement until 48 hours symptom free	Restrictions no longer needed
5	Some medical symptoms that may be COVID-19 related and awaiting medical assessment that day to determine if testing is required	Self-isolate pending assessment	No restrictions until medical assessment offers further direction.
6	Runny nose or other minor symptoms, no fever equal to or greater than 38.0°C, no cough, no short of breath, no ill household contacts or history of travel.	Keep home from school or childcare for a period of 48 hours to observe emerging condition	No restrictions
7	Runny nose or other minor symptoms, no fever equal to or greater than 38.0°C, no cough, no shortness of breath, but does have history of travel or household members with symptoms of COVID-19	Self-isolate pending assessment	Members of the household restrict movements pending assessment
8	Runny nose, not unwell, good form, good energy and normal appetite, no fever, not requiring paracetamol, ibuprofen or any other antipyretic	Can go to school	No restrictions
9	No symptoms, close contact of a proven case	Restrict movements for 14 days, testing as advised.	No restrictions
10	Travel from non "Green-List" country	Restrict movements for 14 days, self-isolate and test if develops symptoms	No restrictions unless the person who has returned develops symptoms.

\*loss of sense of smell, or loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste