

Scoil Náisiúnta Cill Shléibhe

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School Reopening Plan

We look forward to the first stage of our school reopening this coming Monday March 1st. Following Government and DES guidelines, we will welcome back the children from Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First class and also Second Class. This is such a positive move in the right direction and we are very hopeful that the phased framework set out by Government will be a success. It is up to all of us to help ensure that we give this phased reopening the very best chance of being successful. It is of the utmost importance that we all keep ourselves and each other safe. The reason behind the phased reopening of schools is to see how the new Covid variant responds. No child or staff member can be at school if they are displaying any signs of ill health. We would appreciate if you could let us know, in the coming days, if you have any concerns about your child returning to school on Monday. We hope we will all work together and our vigilance in terms of safety for all will be to the core of all we do.

Safety Plan

All staff members will wear face masks at all times. We will always wear gloves if working one to one with any of the children. We welcome any of the children who feel comfortable wearing face masks to do so. Unfortunately we cannot welcome any parents into the building or onto the school grounds without a prior arrangement being made. If you do have an arrangement to come onto the school grounds, please ensure you wear a mask at all times and adhere to physical distancing guidelines, as set out by the Government. Please also wear masks and adhere to physical distancing when collecting the children at home time. Your support and help with this will be appreciated.

Emergency Works Update

It has been a busy few weeks at the school with the pipe work taking place. The Junior room, SET room, Hallway and Staffroom have all had pies replaced. Significant clean up and painting is currently taking in preparation for our return on Monday. Many trades people have been through the school in the past few weeks so a full deep clean is essential to ensure everywhere is safe for our return. Ryan Cleaners, Thurles will be in the school all day Friday.

Iunior Room

We are delighted to share with you all the very joyful news of Ms. McGrath's pregnancy. It is so lovely to share this very happy time with Kate and we wish her the very best of health for the coming months. Following DES guidelines, Kate will not return to the classroom on Monday. We will welcome Ms. Greta Ryan in Kate's place. Kate will continue to work remotely for the week and Ms. Ryan will follow the timetable and schedule set by Kate. Mary O Keeffe will be in the room with Ms. Ryan to offer help and support to all the children, as was the routine with Kate.

Senior Room

The children will continue to work remotel until March 15th. The schedule of work will continue to be issued on Monday mornings, with daily uploads and feedback via Seesaw. The feedback may not be as prompt some days/mornings as I will be working from the school and will be relying on whatever internet connection is there on any given day. We will issue further updates for the Senior room return nearer to the date.

Sacraments Update

In light of being at Level 5 of restrictions, we are pencilling in new dates for both our First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We are hopeful that we will be able to celebrate together and these new dates do not have to be further amended.

First Holy Comunion date- Saturday May 29th 2021.

Confirmation date-Friday June 4th 2021.

Kíndest regards,

Mary and Kate

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