



## Plan for Return to Scoil Chualann 26.8.2021

21.6.2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you and your family are keeping well.

I would like to thank you all for your help and support during the year. The pandemic has been a huge challenge for everyone. The spirit and support of the Scoil Chualann community enabled us to work together to get through this difficult time. We should be proud of our community and willingness to help each other as we have.

Thank you.

I hope you all have a nice holiday. I look forward to seeing you again after the summer holidays.

With best wishes,

Michelle Ní Thuama

**We await guidance / updates from the Department of Education closer to reopening  
We will contact you at the end of August to confirm this plan (email and text)**

### Implementation

Children will operate in a 'Bubble' system. They will remain with their class and not mix with other classes. Four classes at a time will have access to the yard on break times and the yard will be marked. Hand sanitiser will be available in each classroom (gel, liquid and soap).

**Home:** It is important that you talk to your child about the importance of social distancing and hygiene. We will also talk to them about our expectations regarding Covid 19 and hygiene. There will be posters reminding them of how to keep themselves and others safe.

**Schoolbag:** Your child will require two pencil cases - one that they take to school on their first day and leave on their desk and a second that they use at home. They are not to take unnecessary equipment to school. They only need their lunch box and drink (no toys etc). They may also take their own personal hand sanitizer. Please put their names on their belongings.

### Children entering school grounds in the morning:

The school gates will open at 8:40am. In order to avoid traffic / pedestrian congestion for students and parents, we ask that children arrive at staggered times, in alphabetical order. This will hopefully ease some of the pressure on the parking and congestion in the area in the morning.

Time	Surname
8:40-8:45	A + B + C + D + E + F + G + H
8:45-8:50	I + J + K + L + M + N + O + P + Q + R + S + T + U + V + W + X + Y + Z

Children should come to school on time as far as possible to assist with ensuring that there are not large groups gathering. Parents are not to enter the grounds (with exception to Junior Infant, Senior Infant, First Class parents who may stand in a line with their children until their teacher admits their child).

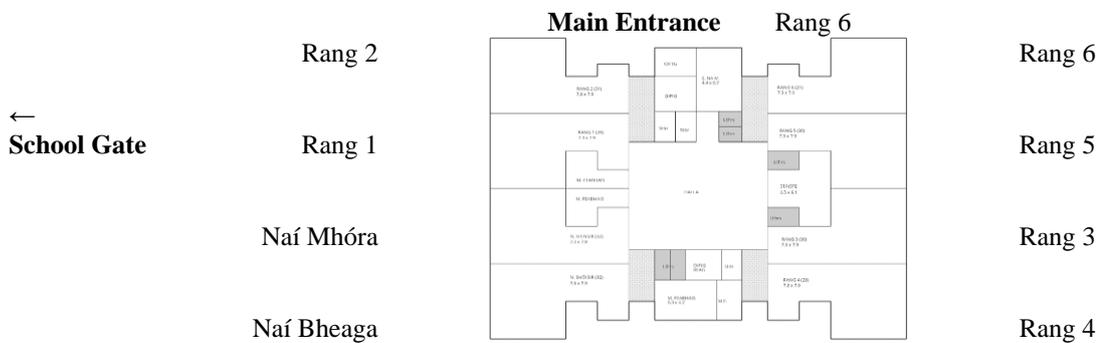
### Children entering their classroom:

Children should make their way to the emergency / external door to their classroom. Their teacher will admit children directly to their classes at their allocated time from **8:40-8:50** in alphabetical order, while adhering to social distance guidelines.

**Parents / Guardians will not be permitted to enter the school building.**

### Congregating

I ask that parents leave the grounds and not congregate after drop-off to ensure traffic flow.



**Collection from school:**

**Junior Infants – First Class**

Parents in Junior Infants and Senior Infants and First Class may enter the yard to collect their child from the emergency exit door to their child’s class. Children will be released by the teacher one child at a time. You are asked to stand in the area outside your child’s class emergency door following social distancing guidance.

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Classes**

Children will be released in alphabetical order starting at 2:15

Time	Surname
2:15-2:20	A + B + C + D + E + F + G + H
2:20 - onwards	I + J + K + L + M + N + O + P + Q + R + S + T + U + V + W + X + Y + Z

*\*Any child who is not collected must return to their class (where their teacher can ring the parent/guardian – please discuss this with your child).*

**Junior & Senior Infants**

Junior Infants will attend school from **8:40-12:00** daily (from 26.8.2021 until 10.9.2021) and 8:40-1:20 thereafter following the guidance specified in this plan. Parents will not enter the classroom and are should leave promptly. At home time, children will be returned one child at a time and will be allowed into the yard when their parent/guardian/person collecting them has been identified.

**Best Practice**

We endeavour to follow the Department guidelines to ensure every effort has been made to keep children, staff, parents safe during the pandemic.

**Communication**

The best way to communicate with the school is via email or telephone. Staff will not be facilitating face to face meetings. If you wish to communicate with a teacher/member of staff this may be conducted via telephone. If an emergency situation arises that you must attend the school, you must hand sanitise, wear a mask and fill in the ‘Contact Tracing Log’ which will be at the entrance to the school. Parents will only be permitted into the building with a previously scheduled appointment, in these emergency circumstances.

**School Uniform**

Your class teacher will direct you on what days to wear tracksuit or uniform in the first week back.

**Learning Support**

In keeping with our Special Education Policy, support will be provided by a blended approach of in-class support and withdrawal.

**PE**

PE will take place outdoors and use of equipment will be confined to the sets that have been distributed to class groupings.

**Afterschool Supervision**

We will not be providing the supervision service for Junior and Senior Infant children. We will update you if there is a change.

**Additional Lessons**

Irish dancing, German and swimming classes are suspended for Term 1. When we have an up-date we will contact you.

**Note:** This plan is subject to change and review. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.