



Scoil Chualann Reopening 26.8.2021

19.6.2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year in Scoil Chualann. I hope that you and your family enjoyed your summer holidays and are recharged and ready to start a new year afresh. I am looking forward to working with you and your children.

Staff have been busy preparing and planning for a new year. The school has been thoroughly cleaned over the summer period. All our staff work hard to make school a positive experience for all students and we look forward to welcoming you and your children back.

There will be further information / emails sent this week regarding returning to school (Covid guidelines/return forms).

Warmest regards,

Michelle Ní Thuama

Covid Updates:

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. Hand sanitiser will be available in each classroom (gel, liquid and soap).

Best Practice

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

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. Posters will remind 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.

School Uniform

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

PE

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

Additional Lessons

Irish dancing, German and swimming classes are suspended.

Afterschool Supervision

We will not be providing the supervision service for Junior and Senior Infant children.

Learning Support

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

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.

Children entering school grounds in the morning:

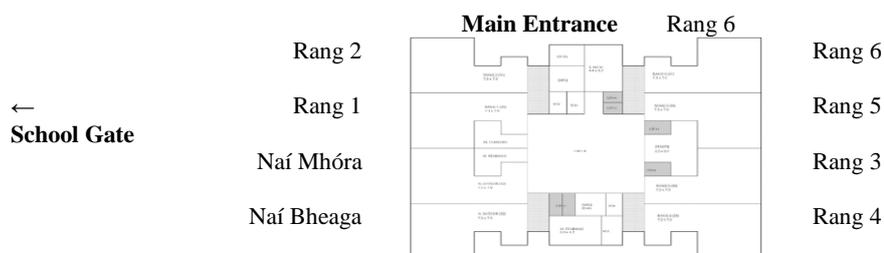
The school gates will open at 8:40am. In order to avoid traffic / pedestrian congestion for students and parents, we ask that children arrive at staggered times, in alphabetical order.

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

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.



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.

2nd - 6th 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 & Senior Infants will attend school from **8:40-12:00** daily from 26.8.2021 until 10.9.2021 and 8:40-1:20 thereafter. 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.

Congregating

I ask that parents leave the grounds and not congregate after drop-off.

Children who should not attend school

If your child is in one of the following categories, they should not attend school –

- Children who have been diagnosed with Covid-19
- Children who have been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with Covid-19
- Children who have a suspected case of Covid-19 and the outcome of the test is pending
- Children who have been in contact with a person who has a suspected case of Covid-19 and the outcome of the test is pending
- Children with underlying health conditions who have been directed by a medical professional not to attend school
- Children who have returned home after travelling abroad and must self-isolate for a period of 14 days
- Children who are generally unwell

Symptoms of Covid-19

As listed on the HSE's website (<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/symptoms.html>)

Supporting the Learning of Children who cannot attend school

If a child is not able to attend school for an extended period of time, classwork will be made available to support the child's learning at home.

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