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A Thuistí,

Seo chugaibh breis nós imeachta don fillleadh ar scoil, aontaithe ag an mBord Bainistíochta. Arís, beimid ag súil le comhoibriú ó gach éinne agus sinne ar ais ar scoil.

Tuigimid go raibh sé deacair ar thuistí a bheith ag múineadh sa bhaile. Cuirfidh na múinteoirí é seo san áireamh nuair a bheidh siad ag pleanáil don chéad téarma.

Tá athraithe t'réis tarlúint sa bhfoirgneamh chun cinntiú go mbeidh 1m idir na páistí. Beidh grianghraif le feiscint de seo ar shuíomh na scoile go luath.

Ní bheidh cead ag cuairteoirí, tuistí san áireamh teacht isteach ar scoil ach i gcás éigeandála má ghlaotar ort ón oifig. Má theastaíonn uait labhairt le múinteoir, seol ríomhphost nó cur glaoch agus rachaidh an múinteoir i dteagmháil leat.

Má dhéanann páiste dearmad ar rud éigin (bosca lóin srl), beidh ciseán taobh amuigh de dhoras na hoifige agus is ansin a fhágfaidh tú na rudaí. Bí cinnte go bhfuil ainm do pháiste ar an rud & baileoidh Breda, an rúnaí, iad. Bí cinnte go dtuigeann do pháiste nach bhfuil cead a lón a roinnt agus nach féidir leis na múinteoirí na boscaí lóin / deochanna / banana srl a oscailt.

Beidh íocaíocht arlíne á chur i bhfeidhm againn agus iarrfaimid oraibh é seo a úsáid seachas a bheith ag seoladh isteach airgead tirim.

Déanaigí cinnte go mbíonn éide scoile / culaith reatha na bpáistí glan gach lá agus go nglanann sibh go maith na boscaí lóin agus na buidéil freisin.

Beidh díghalrán lámh ar fáil taobh amuigh agus taobh istigh de gach seomra. Is féidir leis na páistí a gcuid díghalrán a thabhairt leo freisin. Ba cheart go mbeadh ciarsúir i mála scoile na bpáistí. Beidh am faoi leith ag gach rang chun na lámha a ní agus a ghlanadh ar maidin, roimh lón agus t'réis a bheith sa chlós srl.

Beidh go leor comharthaí le feiscint timpeall na scoile chomh maith chun cur i gcuimhne de gach duine maidir le cad atá le déanamh.

Maidir le teacht isteach ar maidin, glacaimid go mbíonn gá le tuistí na naíonán nua a sheoladh chuig a líne / doras srl. Ach ba cheart go mbeadh páistí ó naíonáin mhóra ar aghaidh in ann dul isteach iad féin. Ba cheart dona tuistí sin fanúint sa charr. Níl cead ag an scoil a thuilleadh na páistí a bhailiú sa halla go luath ar maidin. Tá súil againn go gcuirfimid an seirbhís seo ar fáil arís sa todhchaí.

Ach i láthair na huairé beidh ar na páistí teacht ó 8.45 – 9.10. Bígí ar an eolas nach mbeidh aon slí isteach go dtí 8.45 agus nach bhfuil féitheoireacht ar fáil taobh amuigh sa chlós.

Beidh 1, 2, 3, 4 scríofa ar na doirse. Beidh Rang Laura (Rang 1) agus Rang Bríd ag úsáid doras 1. Beidh múinteoir amháin ag an doras agus múinteoir eile suas staighre agus na páistí ag dul suas.

Beidh Rang Ian agus Rang Carol ag úsáid doras 2. Beidh naíonáin bheaga agus naíonáin mhóra ag úsáid doras 3. Beidh Rang Niall ag úsáid doras 4. Ag am dul abhaile beidh na doirse seo in úsáid freisin. Níl cead bailiú timpeall ag am dul abhaile. Caithfidh páistí dul díreach isteach sa charr nó amach an geata.

Ag am sosa agus am lóin, beidh 4 rang sa chlós ag aon am amháin ach gach rang ina n-áit súgartha féin. Ansin, beidh an 4 rang eile amuigh.

Beidh rialacha faoi leith i bhfeidhm dona múinteoirí tacaíocht foghlama agus an Cúntóir Riachtanais Speisialta a bheith ag bogadh ó sheomra go seomra.

Beimid ag coimeád na doirse agus na fuinneoga ar oscailt chomh minic agus is féidir chun go mbeidh aer úr sna seomraí.

Déanfar gach iarracht ionad a fháil má bhíonn múinteoir / Cúntóir Riachtanais Speisialta as láthair. Má tharlaíonn sé nach bhfuil aon ionad ar fáil, níl cead a thuilleadh ranganna a scaipeadh timpeall. Dá bharr tá seans nach mbeadh an rang sin in ann dul ar scoil an lá sin. Tabharfar an méid is mó nóitíse do thuistí agus is féidir.

Táimid buíoch as bhur gcomhoibriú agus táimid ag tnúth le tosnú ar ais ar an 31ú Lúnasa.

We appreciate the time and effort that went into Home Learning, and we recognise the challenges that Home Learning presented for all families. Owing to the fact that our pupils have been away from the classroom since March 12th, each child will be in a different place in relation to his/her learning. We wish to assure you that staff will take that into consideration when planning for Teaching and Learning during the 2020/2021 school year.

Considerable structural changes have taken place in the school building in the past few weeks. All children from 2nd class up will be able to maintain a 1m distance from each other in their classrooms. Rang Bríd and Rang Niall are now in rooms which would have been the equivalent in size to two classrooms in the past. Our school is in the lucky position that it can follow HSE guidelines in relation to maintaining 1m distance between all pupils.

Younger classes (infants, Rang 1) are not expected to social distance according to guidelines. They will however work in pods of, for example, 4 children. The children in the pod should be the only close contacts of each other. Keep in mind however that the new system may take time for such young children to understand and follow.

Each class will be a bubble & only this bubble will mix with each other. Contact between bubbles will be minimised as much as possible.

The following are procedures for the return to school, agreed upon by Board of Management. Again, we are asking for full cooperation from all involved in the return to school.

Visitors will not be permitted inside the school; this includes parents except in the case of an emergency where you are called into the school. If you wish to speak with a teacher, please phone the office or send an email and the teacher in question will get in touch with you.

If a child forgets something (eg lunchbox) and you wish to drop it off, there will be a box located outside the front door of the office, door 3. Please make sure the item is clearly marked with your child's name and Breda, the secretary, will get it to them. Please make sure your child understands they cannot share lunches. All children must be able to open and close their own lunch boxes / drinks / bananas etc as teachers are no longer permitted to do this. The same applies to taking on/ off coats and jumpers etc and tying shoe laces / zipping up school bags.

We will be introducing epayments and we would appreciate if you used this system instead of sending in cash.

Please make sure your child's uniform / tracksuit is clean every day. Please make sure to clean your child's lunchbox and bottle daily.

Hand sanitiser will be available both outside and inside classrooms. Children may also bring their own pocket sized sanitisers. All children should have a packet of tissues in their bag which they should be encouraged to use if necessary. Each class will have time to wash or sanitise hands every morning, before eating, after playtime etc.

There will be plenty signage throughout the school to remind children about hand hygiene, coughing and sneezing etiquette etc.

In relation to morning drop-offs, we appreciate that new Junior Infants may need to be brought to their line / door by a parent but all children from Naíonáin Mhóra upwards should make their own way from the car to the door. Parents of children from Naíonáin Mhóra up should simply drop and go. The school is no longer permitted to gather the children in the hall in the mornings. We do hope we will be able to offer this service again in the future however.

Therefore, children can be dropped from 8:45 on for the official start time of 8:50. As 8:50 – 9:10 is reception time for arrival at school, drop-offs should take place from 8:45 – 9:10.

Be advised that there will not be access to the school until 8:45 and there is no supervision prior to this. Do not drop off children prior to 8:45.

The doors will be clearly marked 1,2,3,4. One teacher will supervise at each door, while another teacher will be upstairs as the children make their way to their rooms.

Rang Laura (Rang 1) and Rang Bríd will enter through door 1. Rang Carol and Rang Ian will enter through door 2. Junior & Senior Infants will use door 3. Rang Niall will use door 4.

The same system will exist at home time. Nobody is allowed to congregate around the doors at home time. The children must go straight to their car or straight out the gate. Arrangements for infants will be clear from the first afternoon (Junior Infants at 12pm, Senior Infants at 1:30pm).

At break time and lunch time, only four classes will be in the yard at one time and each class will have its own area. The next four classes will go outside at another time.

Staff members (particularly Learning Support Teachers and SNA) can rotate between areas/ classes when necessary. When rotation occurs, agreed sanitising routines will be observed.

In keeping with our Special Education policy, learning support will be provided by a blended approach of in-class support and withdrawal. The provision of support will be organised to ensure our support teachers will work as much as possible, within the confines of a bubble.

- Where a support teacher is working alongside a class teacher in a classroom, both teachers must be mindful of maintaining social distance from one another. For example, Múinteoir Michelle will regularly work in Múinteoir Niall and Múinteoir Bríd's rooms.
- The tables and chairs in the Learning Support rooms will be wiped clean in between different pupils or small groups attending.

Where practical, all internal doors will be left open to minimise hand contact with common surfaces. To ensure that classrooms are well ventilated, windows will be kept open as often as possible, and will be opened while children are taking breaks in the playground. Windows should be opened when children are singing as a group, or when they are playing musical instruments. All musical instruments should not be shared between pupils.

If a teacher/SNA is unable to attend school, every effort will be made to secure a substitute for the class. If a substitute is not available, it is no longer permitted for the class to be divided into groups and accommodated in other classes. If there is also no other available teacher in the school on that day, it may not be possible for the class to attend on that day. If that is the case, as much notice as possible will be given to parents.

We thank you for your cooperation with the above and look forward to starting back on August 31st.

Is sinne le meas,
Joe Mac Ionnrachtaigh
(Cathaoirleach) / Chairperson of Board of Management.

Múinteoir Cáit
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