



# SCOIL FIONNTÁIN NAOFA

Dear Parents/Guardians

Just a few notes as we plan for the safe and sustainable opening of our school on Thursday next 27<sup>th</sup> August. School will close at 1pm on both days Thurs/ 27<sup>th</sup> and Fri 28<sup>th</sup> to allow us all to adapt to a changed environment. A separate programme is in place for our new entrants to junior infants who we will see on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>.

1. While all children will be welcome back to school, we would remind parents that, where children are displaying colds, coughs or flu like symptoms, they should not be sent to school. Children who display such symptoms in school will be isolated and parents asked to collect them from the school. We must have a working mobile phone number for each parent and you must be contactable at all times.

**Children who have travelled from countries not on the Green List should not attend school during the 14-day self-isolation period**

Further information on COVID-19 symptoms in children is available at: - <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html>

Teachers will make children aware of the proper hygiene procedures regarding hand washing and etiquette related to sneezing, coughing or spitting. We would be grateful if you could also emphasise safe behaviour in this regard to your children at home as part of the preparation for returning to school.

Our aim remains to re-open the school in an orderly safe manner, while reassuring the children and making them feel comfortable, safe and relaxed with their friends in the new school environment. This will be achieved by all of us working towards this common goal.

2. Scoil Fionntáin Naofa would appreciate your support in familiarising yourselves with our traffic management plan (attached).

- Adults do not come within 2m of each other
  - Parents do not try to have meetings with members of staff in the school at drop-off and collection times – meetings between parents and teachers can only take place by prior arrangement.
3. We are satisfied that we have control measures in place to ensure that this will be a safe re-opening with particular emphasis on increasing separation and decreasing interaction in the school setting together with a heightened emphasis on as good hygiene procedures as possible.
  4. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making preparations to date and look forward to working with you as we assist the children adapt to the necessary changes. We are also conscious of the fact that our pupils have not been in school since March and that they are looking forward to coming back to school to meet their friends again. We are aware that our pupils are beginning a school year at a challenging time and have made plans to ensure that their arrival will be as free from stress and possible.

An extra rota of staff supervision is being drawn up to help supervise the busy times on the yard.

There will be staggered breaks to help insulate the different class pods.

All rooms, toilets and shared areas will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized every evening and a professional deep-cleaning firm will be engaged once a month.

Uniforms, lunch boxes, drinks as per normal. All books, copies, pens etc. will be left in school until further notice with homework also being suspended. Please refer to the following Q/A sheet for more information .

Hand sanitisation will be a priority in the school and to this end we have installed warm water and sanitising points throughout the school. Our ultimate aim is to re-open the school and deliver a good and as near normal a working environment as possible. We ask your help and support in this endeavour.

*Thank you*

# School Traffic Management Plan

Please observe the following.

1. Staff to park cars in the Churchyard grounds.
2. Cars dropping off children to observe a one way system and approach school from the Killeaney hill side.
3. Cars approaching from the Mountrath side to drop off children at the graveyard carpark from where they can cross the playing grounds through a gap in the wall.

