



30 October 2020

Dear Parents,

School will reopen on Monday 2 November 2020. We look forward to welcoming the children back.

This is an important half-term as we move towards Christmas and it is necessary that we maintain the Covid-19 procedures that are in place in our school. This includes the children only taking a folder to school, with their own stationery (which may need to be topped up at this time). The children have been very good at washing their hands regularly throughout the day and using a tissue. Personal hand sanitisers and a small pack of tissues can easily be carried in the children's folders. Given the time of year and the expected colds/flu that we all get, it is important that the children carry and use their own tissues.

The children were supplied with masks for wearing on the school bus and we would recommend that the children wear a mask when using home to school transport.

Before your child returns to school, we would ask you to speak with them about good hand and nasal hygiene, as well as maintaining social distancing. We will speak with the children too, to sensitively reinforce this message.

Parents, grand-parents and child-minders can reinforce this message by maintaining social distancing at the school gates and wearing a mask, should they need to visit the school.

Returning Folder & Books

We very much appreciate the kind comments and feedback that parents sent to us about organising the blended learning during the first week of the school closure. Thank-you to our school staff.

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Please return the folder with the unused worksheets and reading books, which will now be quarantined. The worksheets that the children have completed should not be returned to school.

Hallowe'en Activities

The Hallowe'en dressing up day, pumpkin challenge and scary scarecrow competition were a fantastic success. The children and their parents really embraced the activities. At this uncertain time, they were a super way to ensure that the children enjoyed the seasonal celebrations. The children were magnificent during the school restart and they thoroughly deserved the break and all of the celebrations.

Thank-you for sending the photographs to the website, Seesaw and Google Classroom.

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The PTA and the residents' association did so much for the school in organising the Hallowe'en celebrations. Thank-you.

Grand Draw

The first of our Grand Draws will take place on 27 November. We would appreciate one final push to sell the Grand Draw tickets. All monies and ticket cards should be returned to school on or before 16 November. Your support is very important and much appreciated. Good luck with the draw.

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Best wishes,

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