



# St. Marnock's N.S.



## Back to School Plan: What Parents/Guardians Need To Know: PART 2

### Plan for reopening of our school:

St. Marnock's NS has a responsibility to make every effort to ensure the safety, health and well-being of all members of our school community – children, parents and staff. **This draft plan for reopening of school is a working document. Changes may be required on an ongoing basis.** When such changes are made to the plan, we will communicate to parents via email and update information on our website. It is not possible to eliminate the risk of infection. However, with the co-operation of all members of our school community, it is possible to minimise the risk of the virus being introduced to school and the consequent risk of its spread. The co-operation, flexibility and goodwill of all our school community will be required to ensure this plan can be implemented.

### Timetables for School Day:

Timetable for Group A Junior and Senior Infants	Timetable for Group B 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> classes, Sp. & Lang. class	Timetable for Group C 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> classes	Timetable for Group D 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> classes
<b>8.35:</b> Arrival to school <b>8.45:</b> School start <b>10.15:</b> Break time <b>10.30:</b> Class resumes <b>12.00:</b> Lunch time <b>12.20:</b> Class resumes <b>13.20:</b> Junior and Senior Infant classes finish	<b>8.35:</b> Arrival to school <b>8.45:</b> School start <b>10.15:</b> Break time <b>10.30:</b> Class resumes <b>12.00:</b> Lunch time <b>12.20:</b> Class resumes <b>14.20:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> classes, Speech & Language class finish	<b>8.45:</b> Arrival to school <b>8.55:</b> School start <b>10.45:</b> Break time <b>11.00:</b> Class resumes <b>12.40:</b> Lunch time <b>13.00:</b> Class resumes <b>14.25:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> classes finish	<b>8.50:</b> Arrival to school <b>9.00:</b> School start <b>10.45:</b> Break time <b>11.00:</b> Class resumes <b>12.40:</b> Lunch time <b>13.00:</b> Class resumes <b>14.30:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> classes finish
Classes in Group A	Classes in Group B	Classes in group C	Classes in group D
<b>Jun. Inf. A:</b> Ms. Moran <b>Jun. Inf. B:</b> Ms. Curtin <b>Jun. Inf. C:</b> Ms. Hunter <b>Sen. Inf. A:</b> Ms.T. Phelan <b>Sen. Inf. B:</b> Ms. Drinan <b>Sen. Inf. C:</b> Ms. Nig Shamhráin	<b>1<sup>st</sup> class A:</b> Ms. O'Dowd <b>1<sup>st</sup> class B:</b> Ms. Lynch <b>1<sup>st</sup> class C:</b> Mr. Spellacy <b>2<sup>nd</sup> class A:</b> Ms. Kennedy <b>2<sup>nd</sup> class B:</b> Ms. B. Phelan <b>2<sup>nd</sup> class C:</b> Ms. Connor <b>Sp&amp;L class:</b> Ms. Shanahan	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> class A:</b> Ms. Joyce <b>3<sup>rd</sup> class B:</b> Ms. Monahan <b>3<sup>rd</sup> class C:</b> Ms. Kenealy <b>4<sup>th</sup> class A:</b> Mr. Doherty <b>4<sup>th</sup> class B:</b> Mr. Corkery <b>4<sup>th</sup> class C:</b> Mr. Cooper	<b>5<sup>th</sup> class A:</b> Ms. MacDermott <b>5<sup>th</sup> class B:</b> Ms. Whelan <b>5<sup>th</sup> class C:</b> Mr. Maughan <b>6<sup>th</sup> class A:</b> Ms. Dwyer <b>6<sup>th</sup> class B:</b> Mr. Scallan <b>6<sup>th</sup> class C:</b> Ms. Cullen

**PLEASE NOTE: \*Speech and Language class: Arrival time 8.45**

As always, it is vitally important that any child who is feeling unwell is not sent into school. If they have a temperature, a cough of any kind, loss of smell /taste or have shortness of breath, they should not, under any circumstances come into school. We will be strongly relying on your co-operation in this matter as our main aim is to prevent the risk of infection. The health, safety and welfare of our children and staff always come first and we will all need to work collaboratively to achieve this. We cannot do it without your help!

#### RETURN TO THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITY FORM:

The Department of Education require that all parents complete and sign the ***Return to the Educational facility form*** in advance of their children's return to school. We request that parents email the completed form directly to your child's new class teacher by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August**. For your convenience, this form is available from our website [www.stmarnocksns.ie](http://www.stmarnocksns.ie) under the tab **STUDENT ABSENCE FORMS** and under the link **RETURN TO SCHOOL ONLINE DECLARATION**. Please remember to complete and return this form as soon as possible. **We must have this form in advance of your child's return to school to protect the health and safety of all our pupils and staff.**

#### Contact Details of Parents/Guardians:

Parents/guardians should ensure that their contact details are up to date and the school has been notified of any changes to address/phone numbers.

#### Physical Distancing

- All children return to school and classes operate within a bubble system
- Within each class from Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> classes, physical distancing is not required but the children will be further divided into pods, with a minimum distance of 1 metre being maintained between pods where possible
- Within each class from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, the children will be further divided into pods, with a minimum distance of 1 metre being maintained between pods

#### Yards

- Each bubble of 6 classes will have access to the yards during their allotted break times as follows and all children will be grouped in designated areas in each yard according to class bubbles.
- Yards will be supervised by class teachers, SEN teachers and SNAs working within those bubbles.
- Please ensure your child brings a rain proof coat with a hood to school everyday

Junior Infants, Senior Infants	6 classes	<b>Junior Infants:</b> three class bubbles in yard at the back of the school <b>Senior Infants:</b> three class bubbles in yard at the back of the school
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> classes, Speech and Language class	7 classes	<b>1<sup>st</sup> class:</b> three class bubbles in yard at the front of the school near main entrance (red door) <b>2<sup>nd</sup> class &amp; Speech &amp; Language class:</b> four class bubbles in yard at the side of the school (green door)
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> classes	6 classes	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> class:</b> three class bubbles in yard at the side of the school (green door) <b>4<sup>th</sup> class:</b> three class bubbles in yard at the front of the school near main entrance (red door)
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> classes	6 classes	<b>5<sup>th</sup> class:</b> three class bubbles in yard at the back of the school <b>6<sup>th</sup> class:</b> three class bubbles in yard at the back of the school

#### Sanitising

- Hand sanitiser will be available at all entry points and in all classes and support rooms.
- Please practise good hand hygiene, coughing and sneezing etiquette with your child at home
- **All children should bring a hand towel to school for the drying of hands after handwashing.**

### **Personal Equipment**

- In so far as possible, it is requested that children in all classes will bring their own pens, pencils, colours, rubbers, etc., to school in their own pencil case to avoid the sharing of equipment with **the exception of junior and senior infants**. Pencils and colours will be provided to these children.
- It is further requested that all items have the child's name on them for ease of identification.
- Please ensure children only bring items necessary for school in their bags. e.g. no toys etc.

### **Shared Equipment**

- By necessity, some classroom equipment needs to be shared including equipment used for structured activities.
- Cleaning of such shared equipment with wipes or other cleaning products will take place at regular intervals to minimise the risk of the spread of infection.

### **School Uniform**

Children should wear their school uniforms to school every day. Once returning home after school, it is advisable that children change out of their uniform.

### **P.E.**

The PE hall will be unavailable for use so PE will take place outdoors, weather dependent.

### **Special Education Needs (SEN) Support**

In keeping with our Special Education policy, Special Education Needs (SEN) 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 within the confines of a bubble.

- Where an SEN support teacher is working alongside a class teacher in a classroom, both teachers must be mindful of maintaining social distance from one another.
- Where children receive support in one of the SET rooms, social distancing of 1 metre will be maintained between each child in the group where possible.
- The tables and chairs in SET rooms will be wiped clean in between different groups attending

### **Teacher Absence and Substitution**

- In the event that teacher is unable to attend school, every effort will be made to secure a substitute teacher for the class.
- **If a substitute teacher or an SEN support teacher is not available, it is not appropriate for the class to be divided into groups and accommodated in other classes. In such circumstances, 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.**

### **Future Information:**

- Please check our school website regularly for updates from the school. We always strive to keep our website as current as possible. We will also include the most up to date information and useful links for parents from the Department of Education on our website [www.stmarnocksns.ie](http://www.stmarnocksns.ie)