



Maynooth Educate Together National School

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Dear Parents,

The Government has announced that the children in Junior Infants - 2nd classes will be returning to the school building on Monday next, 01.03.2021. Staff have been working this week in preparation for the return of the children in these classes. We are complying with all guidelines to ensure the safety of both children and staff returning to the school. We are very appreciative of all you have done to assist us in working with the children remotely since January 11th and we are hoping the return to school will be a welcome transition for the children. We are looking forward to seeing them all back in their usual class settings. All of the previous procedures will remain in place such as handwashing routines, pods, class bubbles etc.

In order to ensure a safe return to school for both staff and pupils, certain documentation must be completed. Parents must complete a [Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form](#). This form will be sent to you via Aladdin Connect. Please complete this form and return it to the school by Sunday 28th February at the latest. Any children who return to school not having this form completed will not be able to proceed to the classroom. Please submit this form to us between Friday 26th to Sunday 28th February.



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Return to School

Classes: Junior Infants to Second class will return to school on Monday March 1st. Please note that as teachers and SNA staff will be in class all day, there will be no remote learning option available to the children, so we encourage all parents to return the children to their classes.

Transport: We ask, in so far as possible, if you are in a position to bring your child to and from school, please do so. This will help to minimise the interaction between households and classes and reduce risks further.

Congregation: Please do not congregate at or near the school when dropping off or collecting children.

Communication: Communication must take place by phone or email only.

Face masks and physical distancing: Please wear a face mask when on school grounds and maintain 2m physical distance from others.

School policy regarding children with Covid-19 symptoms:

The following are the signs of Covid-19 disease:

- *A fever of 38.0°C or higher without another medical reason (such as chickenpox or a urine infection) OR*
- *new cough or difficulty breathing or worsening of an existing breathing problem, OR*
- *loss of sense of smell, change in sense of taste, or loss of sense of taste (if your child is able to say this) OR*
- *other minor breathing or chest problems in a child who has been in contact with an ill person, is part of an outbreak or is a contact of someone who has COVID-19.*

Any symptomatic child should not be sent to school. If you are unsure, please feel free to contact the school before coming in to check if it is appropriate to send your child to school.



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Please do not send children to school if they are close contacts of a person with COVID 19, are awaiting a test or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Please do not send pupils to school if they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 or if they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus.

Please do not send pupils to school if they have travelled outside of Ireland; in such instances, parents are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel and notify us of same via secretary@maynoothet.ie email prior to returning.

Please cooperate with any public health officials and the school for contact tracing purposes and follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school.

Arrivals and Dismissal Schedule: We will continue with our extended arrivals and dismissals times. As last term, we have used the surname initials of a family to distinguish our groups.

Families G-N will arrive at 8.30am and depart at 1.50pm. Families O-Z will arrive at 8.40am and depart at 2pm. Families A-F will arrive at 8.50am and depart at 2.10pm. Junior and Senior Infants dismissal will remain the same.

Many thanks for your co-operation with the above

| Surname | Drop off: Term 2 | Collection: Term 2 |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| G-N | 8.30am | 12.50pm/1.50pm |
| O-Z | 8.40am | 1pm/2pm |
| A-F | 8.50am | 1.10pm/2.10pm |

Please note that our schedule commences at 8.30am, so please do not arrive before this time, if at all possible.



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School books: Pupils must return all school books to the school when returning to class. Each child has their own set of textbooks and their own pencils/pens and pencil cases. They should not share these items with other children. The virus that causes Covid-19 survives for longer on hard surfaces like textbook covers and pencil cases, so these items should only be used by one child and should be cleaned with regular household cleaning products.

Ventilation: All classrooms will be ventilated in accordance with current guidelines. It would be helpful if children have an extra layer of clothing, such as a fleece or body warmer as classes will be well ventilated during the day and it may be slightly cooler than usual. Raincoats will also be helpful as we will attempt to have the children go outside so they get some fresh air during their scheduled breaktimes.

Finally!

Be assured staff at the school will continue to do our very best to look after your child(ren) while they are under our care and if your circumstances change at any time after we resume please don't hesitate to let us know. Staff will inform us likewise and we will continue to liaise with HSE if we encounter any COVID-19 cases during this phased reopening.

We wish you the very best for the coming few days and we look forward to welcoming the children back to the school building for Junior Infants - 2nd classes on Monday 1st March from 8:40am-9am.

Marie, Principal.

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