

Scoil Naomh Bríd

Keeping You Updated

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What parents need to know



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Covid-19 Response Plan

Thank you all so much for all your support in making our school as safe as possible during Covid-19.

Thank you!

Our children have been fantastic and have had many treats to celebrate how well they did each month.

Well done to all!

Since midterm break and the easing of restrictions, things are starting to get back to normal around here and we are happy to share some updates with you



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A reminder of some good practices we continue:

Good Hand Hygiene

Coronavirus COVID-19



Coronavirus
COVID-19
Public Health
Advice

Proper Hand Washing for Children

1: Wet



2: Bubbles



3: Scrub



4: Rinse



5: Dry



When to wash:

Before eating ▶ 🍷🍴

▶ After the bathroom

▶ After touching pets

▶ After playing outdoors

▶ After coughing, sneezing
or blowing your nose



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Respiratory Etiquette

COVER YOUR COUGH AND SNEEZE



Stop the spread of germs that make people sick



When you cough or sneeze
cover your nose and mouth
with a tissue



or

Cough or sneeze into your
elbow, not your hands.



Throw away your tissue!



Clean your hands after
coughing or sneezing.

Thanks!



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Child Survey

We conducted a survey with the children to find out their thoughts on the practices that help them feel safe at school and we took this into consideration when making changes to our Covid Response Plan

Children's Survey – 1st/2nd Class

1. Which of the following procedures would you like to continue to do, in order to make you feel safe? You may tick as many boxes as you like.

Using different gates coming in to school	22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Following the one-way system around the school	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lining up on the x's marked on the ground	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Washing and sanitising your hands	22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Keeping the doors/windows open	24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Using boxes to store your books	18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Having the CO2 monitor in class	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Using different gates going home from school	16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Would you like to do homework on Seesaw one night per week?

Yes (12)

No (12)



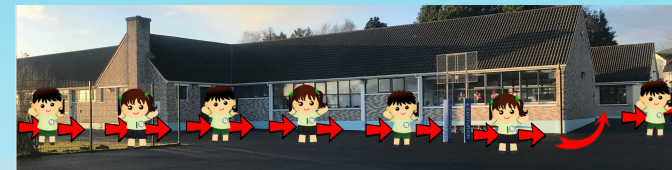
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Entering & Exiting School

The pupils said that using the different entrances helped make them feel safe so we will continue to use the three entrances

One-Way Path

Staff and children wished to continue to use the one-way path, saying that it helped the school feel safe & calm, so we will continue to follow the path



Stand on an X

Many children said they liked lining up on Xs, so we will continue this



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Washing Your Hands

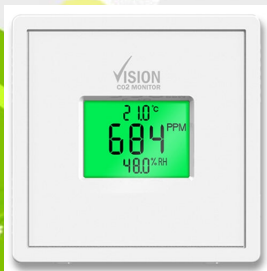
Most children in the school said that washing and sanitising their hands made them feel safe.



DE guidance is to continue this anyway, but it is nice to know it makes our children feel happier

Ventilation

Many children said that they loved having the CO2 monitors in their classes and that helps them feel safe. As per DE guidance, we will continue to opening the windows and doors at breaktimes and whenever the monitor turns different colours



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Book Boxes

Most children said that using the book boxes helps them to feel safer. We will continue this until the end of the year and review then

Bubbles and Pods

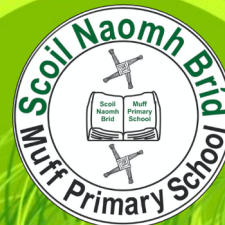
We are no longer required to separate into bubbles and pods now. We can have lunch together at the same time and some classes can play together. Junior & Senior Infants have their own designated areas. 1st & 2nd can play together in their area and 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th in their rotating areas.

The bigger classes have footballs to play with at lunch.

Lunchtime sports are back on.



How we have missed them!



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Inside our Classrooms

We can sit closer together now and get back to group work

Homework

We no longer need to quarantine books when they return to school, but we felt it would be mean to go back to four days written homework during the year!

The children said they really like knowing all their homework for the week ahead so they can plan and we are really happy to be flexible so the children can practice their time management skills and become more independent studiers



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Masks

Masks are no longer a requirement for staff or pupils. However, some may continue to choose to wear them

Cleaning

The DE is still providing extra cleaning time, so our school and commonly touched surfaces are cleaned thoroughly and regularly

Symptoms

- Staff or pupils with any symptoms of Covid-19 are reminded not to attend school and to isolate until 48 hours after symptoms are gone
- If there is a positive case in your child's class, you will be notified via Aladdin
- If a child exhibits any symptoms at school, the guidance is that they must go home



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Visitors to School

The buzzer on our new gate can be used when picking up or dropping off a child or some items they have forgotten and a staff member will come out to meet visitors at the gate

At the moment, whole school gatherings are taking place outside. We felt the PE hall was a little too crowded for the whole school at the minute, but we will be excited to welcome parents back to school for plays and events as soon as possible

**Watch this space for
our 50th
Anniversary
celebrations**



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Communication

Aladdin Connect is a great tool for home-school communication. Our Green Schools committee are so happy with all the paper we are saving!

Please ensure your most recent contact details are updated in the app so we can contact you in case of an emergency

Student absences should be recorded here

Declaration forms are no longer required when your child is returning to school after absence

We will continue to post any Covid-19 updates on our website



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Thank You

We would like to sincerely thank all members of our school community - Pupils, Parents and Staff - for their huge commitment to navigating through this pandemic so well



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