



St. Tiarnach's Primary School

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Dear Parents

Plans are well advanced for our safe and 'stress free' re-opening in St. Tiarnach's.

Factors to be considered in our decision which was discussed and ratified by our Board of Management

- A Building Project is currently underway
- Almost 300 pupils attend
- Over 30 staff members
- One entrance gate

So we have tried to consider every option to provide an **EASY SAFE** return to school. We welcome everyone back. We are delighted to see a "new normality" but are aware of anxiety, fear, uncertainty for us all!

Classes are all much smaller and meet requirements for Social Distancing as laid out by Dept. of Education. We are fortunate to have a new modern building, Big Classrooms, several Entrance/Exit doors. We have also tried (where is humanly possible) that teachers move on with their classes to provide continuity and pupils/teachers know each other.

To provide safe return we really **NEED** your support and patience.

- We need parents to **remain in cars** at drop off and collection (drive by and drop off). There can be no impromptu messages/meetings at the gate.
- **No visitors** to school unless by appointment only. School gate is now automatically shut after morning admission. Visitors will need to Buzz to gain entry.
- **An online Payment System** will be available to ease all payments/reduce movement to office (details will follow by separate text when completely available)
- **Please LABEL** each and every item.
 - Children cannot share items/lunch etc.
 - Children will remain in their Bubble/Pod
 - Children will be socially distant inside and outside as far as is humanly possible.

- Children should be encouraged (2nd – 6th classes to walk to/from school using footpath and safe crossings. Healthy exercise and reduce traffic congestion.
- Lunch/Lunchboxes. HSE guidelines Zip sealed bag. However, this is **your** choice lunchbox or sealed bag. BUT, lunch must be with your child each morning. We cannot NOW facilitate “dropping” in lunch. Adequate lunch/break with your son/daughter each morning.

So,

TUESDAY SEPT. 1st

6th Class only will return at 9a.m.

4th Classes will return at 10.00a.m.

2nd Classes will return at 11.00a.m.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 2nd

*** 6th, 4th & 2nd classes will know their route (doors of entry) their classrooms and teachers. Arrive as usual at 8.50 – 9.00a.m.**

1st class will return at 10.00a.m.

New Junior Infants at 10.30a.m.

5th classes will return at 11.15a.m.

THURSDAY SEPT 3rd

*** ALL – Jnr. Infs, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th & 6th arrive as normal at 8.50 – 9.00a.m.**

Snr. Infants will return at 9.30a.m.

3rd classes will return at 10.15a.m.

Friday SEPT 4th

ALL pupils will move in to their classrooms, follow specific doors for each group at 8.50 – 9.00a.m.

Teachers/SNA's will be available for direction, escort on all days.

Dismissal will be staggered each evening but not as long apart but 300 pupils is a mighty crowd!

So we are only asking for tolerance for **3 days No More!**

If your child comes by bus they will travel as normal at normal bus time on the day they are supposed to begin with their class. So please refer to the days their class is expected to return.

Reálta Pupils – children will attend on the days that they correspond with mainstream classes.

New incoming Junior Infants will be welcomed individually prior to official opening of school.

School office phone line is available Tues 25th – Thurs 27th from 9.30a.m. – 2.30p.m. each day for any individual queries or alternatively contact via info@sttiarnachs.ie.

Curriculum teachers will be fully aware of where we finished March 2020. We will commence teaching and learning based on this. Planning/Assessment will revise, consolidate and develop. All children will need time to get settled, re-focus. Its been a long time!!!

Class Allocations	Muinteoir
Jnr Infants	Caoimhe Buckley
Snr Infants (A)	Niamh Tierney
Snr Infants (B)	Clionagh Sweeney
1st Class	Dearbhla McCaughey
2nd Class (A)	Samantha Cronhelm
2nd Class (B)	Catherine Smyth
3rd Class (A)	Fiona O’Harte
3rd Class (B)	Orla King
4th Class (A)	Kathleen Caulfield
4th Class (B)	Emma McKenna
5th Class (A)	Aoife Tynan
5th Class (B)	Vanessa McNally
6th Class	Diarmuid Scullion
Réalta Beaga	Michelle Beggan
Réalta	Anita Newell
Réalta Móra	Mary Murphy
S.E.N. Team	(6 SET teachers)
8 SNA’s	

We know/appreciate this is a lot of information. This has been carefully/meticulously planned to provide safe, secure return to school for all. Huge work and preparations are ongoing

- Physical distancing
- Furniture moving
- Cleaning, Anti-Bacterial Cleaning, sanitising systems in place & Signage.
- Provision of resources
- Meetings

We appreciate your support, patience and if we all work together, Stay Safe and follow HSE guidelines we can MAKE this work.

PLEASE

- Keep regular check on school website www.sttiarnachs.ie.
- **READ** the texts we will send.
- **Read** and re-read this information.

Le gach dea ghúí

Eugene McCaughey
Chairperson BOM

Majella Beggan
Principal