Dear Parents / Guardians,

We look forward to your child starting with us this school year. A year which is a very unusual one for us all. We are all striving to get used to living in an unpredictable world, A new kind of normal! No matter what your new normal is, thinking about your little one starting "big school" is no doubt overwhelming, stressful and anxious at times for you all. It is only natural. Remember we all have the same aim, that our school will open in a manner which is safe for us all. The Department of Education and Skills will provide a roadmap for our safe re-opening soon. When I receive those clear guidelines and information, a plan will be put in place and then you will be notified of that plan.

For the moment we need to take each day as it comes, live in the now and hope and pray that all will be well soon and our lives will return to normal.

As Parents, continuing to love and support your children in whatever way you know how is most important. Please be assured that when we receive clarity you will be notified of any changes made to our normal plan.

Our website is a current and reliable way for you to receive information. We have set up a link School Year 2020/2021 and we will upload information in accordance to when we ourselves receive it. A text will be sent out if it is updated over the Summer Holidays.

Our school's provisional Calendar is included in your pack. We will notify you if  our return date changes or if there is a staggered entry into school.

Regarding your child’s Junior Infant booklist, please note that only textbooks (top section) need to be purchased. You have already paid €75 book rental and Administration when you accepted a place in our school.

This year we intend to roll out the Aladdin schools connect app which will ensure transfer of information relating to school will be done in one easy step. Please read the attached letter.

We hope to also roll out e payments by September.

Every year during our Induction Day Triple P parenting speak on how you can help with  your childs readiness for school. Angela has kindly provided a link and password to one of her videos which can be viewed below.

<https://bit.ly/30K2rh6>

Pass word: juniorinfant.20

Please go through the attached pack with your child. There is valuable information to be gleaned. Included in your pack is a video we sent out to all the pupils in our school during lockdown. Here you will be able to see all those who work in Scoil Chroí Noafa. We have included a note to be read alongside watching the video so you can see who's who!

Mrs Tyrrell is sitting in the egg chair with her children. She has asked me to tell all the boys and girls that she is really really excited to meet you all and guide you through your first year in Scoil Chroí Naofa.

It is my wish that you and your children have a positive and enjoyable experience in our school and that you reach your full potential. We look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of the next school year.

Kind regards,

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