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**Scoil Chroí Naofa**

**Fáilte ar ais - Return to school**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The BoM and School Staff wish to extend a warm welcome to all our pupils and parents/guardians returning to school for the 2020/2021 school year tomorrow. The health and safety of all is our priority for this reopening and we will be following all HSE and Department of Education and Skills guidelines.

Please note the following:

**Morning Drop Off**

* In the morning we would appreciate if you could use the drop and go system in place to ensure pupils enter the school in a safe manner and avoid crowds gathering outside the gates.
* Please enter via the small gate, follow the arrows and exit via the big gate each day.

**The staggered entry procedure is as follows:**

Pupils whose surnames begin with A-H arrive at 9:10am

Pupils whose surnames begin with I – P arrive at 9:15am

Pupils whose surnames begin with Q-Z arrive at 9:20am

* All children go directly to the building their classroom is in.
* Children will go directly to their classrooms and enter the buildings via their assigned entrance door
* Class teachers will be in their classrooms to receive pupils from 9:10am
* Support teachers will be available to direct pupils to the correct entrance door

**Entrance is as follows:**

1. Junior Infants will follow the red markers and will enter B1 via the back door
2. Senior Infants will follow the red markers and will enter B1 via the back door
3. 1st class will follow the yellow markers and will enter B1 via the side door
4. 2nd class will follow the yellow markers and will enter B1 via the side door
5. 3rd class will follow the blue markers and will enter B2 via the side door
6. 4th class will follow the red markers and will enter B2 via the side door
7. 5th class will follow the yellow markers and will enter B2 via the side door
8. 6th class A and B will follow the blue markers and will enter B1 via the main door

**Evening Collection**

Parents are requested to avoid gatherings at the school gate

Parents/ siblings are requested to maintain a 2m social distance in the parents zone

**Evening Collection times**

* Junior Infants 12.10pm until September 11th and 1.50pm thereafter
* Senior Infants 2pm
* 1st class 2:45pm
* 2nd class 2:50pm
* 3rd class 2:50pm
* 4th class 2:55pm
* 5th class 2:55pm
* 6th class 3pm

 It will take some time for all of us to get used to the “new circumstances” as we become familiar with the new routines and procedures designed to help keep everyone safe and to help prevent the spread of the virus. There will undoubtedly, be some unforeseen challenges and we will deal with these as they arise. All we ask for is your patience and understanding at these times.

We would like to thank you for the great efforts made by you to support your child’s learning when the schools were closed and for your understanding, co-operation and continued support as we all work together to ensure a safe reopening of Scoil Chroí Naofa. We look forward to working with you as we assist the children adapt to the necessary changes and procedures.

If there is any issue which has arisen in relation to your child’s social, emotional or educational welfare since s/he was last in school, and which you feel the school should be aware of, please e-mail the school at scoilchroinaofarb@gmail.com and I, or another Staff member, will contact you to discuss the matter.

Ní neart go cur le chéile – Unity is strength

If we all work together, together we can provide a safe environment for all

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow

Is mise le meas,

Kathleen McNamee

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