

St. Dymphna's National School

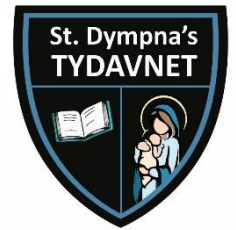
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Dear Parent,

RE: Fáilte ar ais

The BoM and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school for the 2020/2021 school year on Monday next, 31st August/Tuesday 1st September.

We are satisfied that we have control measures in place to ensure that this will be a safe re-opening. 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 keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus. There will, undoubtedly, be some unforeseen challenges and we will deal with these as they arise.

The following changes will be in place:

- Children are to wear their school uniform on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, we ask that they wear appropriate clothes suitable for school activities. This will allow for the washing and drying of uniforms.
- Children are asked to only bring their lunch and a drink bottle with them to school. No school bags permitted.
- Children are asked to bring a pencil case which will be left in school. It may include pencil/pens, rubber, sharpener, ruler, colours e.g. twistables.
- Children must bring a waterproof coat to school each day regardless of the weather.
- Warm water is now available throughout the school and children will wash their hands/sanitise regularly throughout the day. There are 28 sanitising units available to children/staff.
- A one-way system will be in operation on both the school grounds and indoors.
- Children will be met at the school gates by a member of staff in the morning.
- Each bubble (classroom) will enter and exit the school through their external classroom door.
- Each bubble will play in designated play areas.
- Children from 3rd-6th class will sit and be encouraged to stay 1m apart.

Teachers for the new academic year are as follows:

Junior Infants- Emma Traynor

Senior Infants/1st Class- Tara Quinn

2nd & 3rd Class- Elaine Kelly

4th, 5th & 6th Class- Eanna Finlay

S.E.T.- Denise Finnegan

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making preparations to date and look forward to working with you as we assist the children adapt to the necessary changes. We are also conscious of the fact that our pupils have not been in school since March and that they are looking forward to coming back to school to meet their friends again. We are aware that our new pupils are beginning a school year at a challenging time and have made plans to ensure that their arrival will be as free from stress as possible. A link to a video displaying our new one-way system can be found on our school website or viewed on our Twitter page.

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Fr. Stephen Joyce

Cathaoirleach, An Bórd Bainistíochta

Ms. Emma Traynor

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