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Dear Parents,

I would like to wholeheartedly welcome you and your child(ren) back to our new school year. It has been a great first week. Covid 19 and school closure has brought many changes and stresses. Everyone has their own personal experience. For some, it may be the first time that their child is mixing with others, so it's understandable to be worried.

This newsletter will outline the safety measures we have put in place throughout the building to safeguard against the spread of Covid 19. I would also like to reassure you that sending your child to school is the correct approach to take for the following reasons:

- It is time to reconnect children with learning and friends.
- School is a safe and fun place to be.
- Teachers are there to support your children.
- Children need to be reminded about all they have learned
- We are all in this together.
- We can feel hopeful about the return to school.

We all have an inbuilt capacity to adapt; this is called resilience. Your children will weather this storm and emerge stronger with new skills. Also in times of change some worry or anxiety is a normal response. We will be supporting the wellbeing of your children as they re-engage with learning. We will "Slow Down to Catch Up".

If you need reassurances on any area of school life at St. Fiacc's don't hesitate to email me at st.fiaccs@gmail.com

Kind regards,

Mr John Brennan



We have arranged our pupils in Pods. Each pod is 2m apart from other pods. All children have a plastic tray in which they store all their items. Desk surfaces are cleaned at least twice a day. We have hired extra cleaning staff who are constantly cleaning surfaces and toilets during the school day.



This is a temperature scanner. All visitors and staff must have their temperature scanned on entering the building. If the reading is too high they must leave. If a pupil feels unwell we scan their temperature. If it is normal they return to class until they are collected. If it is high, they wait in an isolation room until they are collected. If they have a persistent cough, difficulty breathing or loss of taste/smell they must wait in the isolation room until collected.



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We have a one way system of movement throughout the building.



We conduct First Aid outside for increased ventilation. All classroom windows are slightly open to increase ventilation throughout the school day. PE lessons take place outdoors.

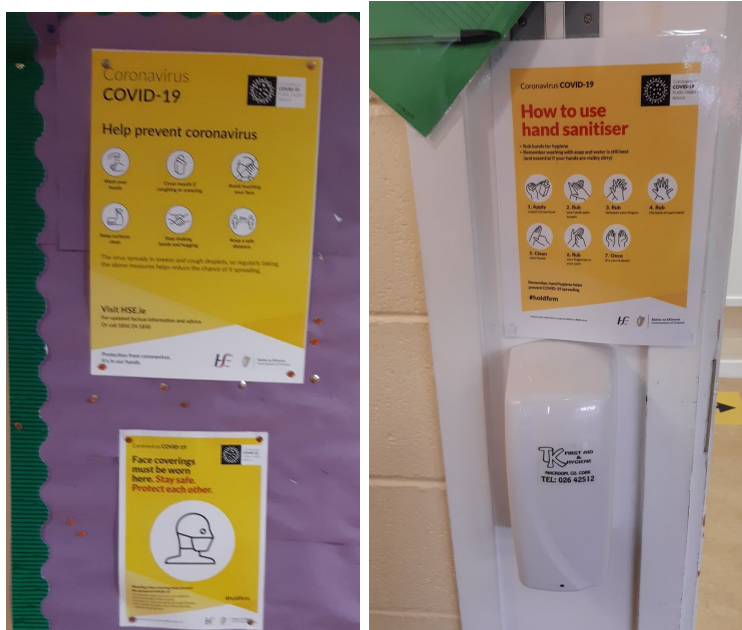


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We have erected barriers so when classes play outside they remain separated from other classes. This ensures that they remain in their class “bubble”



Signs are on display throughout the building and in the pupils' bathrooms. Automated sanitisers are in operation in all classrooms and on entry and exit points.



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This is the Secretary's hatch. All visitors/parents must wait here. It is always best to ring or email in advance.

9:20am
Sixth
Fourth

9:10am
Seniors
Second
Fifth



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We operate staggered opening and closing to reduce footfall on the school grounds. We also operate three separate break times. These signs are raised in the morning when it is time for the pupils to come in. Please don't send your child in too early. If it starts raining heavily we will start moving the children in from 9.