



St. Fiacc's N.S.
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September 2021

Welcome Back

WE ARE RE-OPENING ON AUGUST 26th

START TIMES:
Juniors/First/Third - 9:00am
Seniors/Second/Fourth - 9:10am
Fifth/Sixth - 9:20am
*New Junior Infants start on August 25th from 9:30-11:00am. Juniors will go home at 11:40 for the first two weeks.



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Free Hot Meals

Preschool & Afterschool Services on site

Dear Parents,

I would like to wholeheartedly welcome you and your child(ren) back to our new school year.

Firstly I would like to reassure you all that St. Fiacc's will continue to operate with the same infection prevention and control measures that were in place last year. These measures protect pupils, their parents and school staff. A reminder of some of the safeguards are:

- Pupils will continue to work in Pods and class bubbles.
- Any child who is unwell is sent home.
- Classrooms are well ventilated.
- Extra cleaning will be put in place.
- Staggered opening, closing times and break times.
- Parents only enter the building by appointment only.
- Mask wearing by all staff.
- Regular handwashing and sanitising by pupils and staff.

Our Covid-19 response plan has been updated and will be available for viewing on our website. There are no major changes to what took place last year. However we have decided to reintroduce swimming this term as we are happy with the Covid 19 plan St. Fiacc's Swimming pool has in place and we also believe that it is important that our pupils return to swimming.



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Finally, please do not send your child to school:

- If they are close contacts of a person with Covid 19
- If they are awaiting a test.
- If they are experiencing symptoms of Covid 19
- If they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus
- If they have travelled outside of Ireland

Beneath this note I have attached links to some useful returning to school information for parents and pupils.

Kind regards,

Mr John Brennan

***Swimming for Mr Nolan (6th) and Miss Whelan (2nd) starts on September 7th at 2pm. A payment facility will be set up on Aladdin.**

****Hot meals will start Monday, August 30th. (September 10th for Junior Infants). Until then, please bring a lunch.**

A Parents' Guide to Close Contacts

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/educationguidance/A%20Parents%20Guide%20to%20Close%20Contacts%20in%20School.pdf>

Advice for Parents September 2021

http://www.stfiaccsns.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Posters_Advice_For_Parents_September2021.pdf

Back to school video Junior Infants

https://youtu.be/UomH_vakjDI

Back to school video Senior Infants - 2nd

<https://youtu.be/4smnni5jpGI>

Back to school video 3rd - 6th

<https://youtu.be/97nErW1-0YU>



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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. Pupils may wear extra layers if they are feeling cold in the classroom.



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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”



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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.

We operate staggered opening and closing to reduce footfall on the school grounds. We also operate three separate break times. 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.