

NEWSLETTER

Scoil Mháthair Dé

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are and your families are all well that you've enjoyed the Summer holidays. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils and families back to SMD tomorrow!

GUIDANCE RE ROUTINES TO BE OBSERVED ON OUR RETURN TO SCHOOL

We need to continue to implement Public Health guidance and ensure safety measures are in place for us all to follow. The following advice has been issued by Public Health for parents for a safe return to school. See here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/>

Please complete the **Return to School Declaration** for your child/ren on Aladdin.

See the following routine for entering and exiting the school while adhering to measures and restrictions that are in place at this time for everybody's **safety**:

- Please adhere to traffic/parking regulations in front of the school
- The school front gate will open at 8.50am for arrival of pupils
- Pupils must stand on footpaths at a safe distance from each other each morn.
- Pupils who travel by car should stay in car with parents until the gate is open
- Parents must wear masks when dropping off and collecting pupils at the gate
- This is not a time to talk with staff. Please phone, email or make appointment
- The back gate will only be used by staff and buses to the Special Classes
- There will be no collection from and no entry permitted via the back gate
- Pupils will line up with their classes in the front yard to go home at **2.30pm**
- Teachers will organise that siblings will be together with the oldest child
- Pupils who walk home alone will leave the school when the 2.30pm bell goes
- Parents should come in to footpath inside pedestrian gate stay on footpath
- There will be no entry to the school yard please for everybody's safety
- Everybody will exit via the vehicular entrance/ double gates (in/out system)
- Staff will allow children who are being collected to go, once parent arrives
- Please be on time to collect your child
- Please be patient with us as we make this new system a success
- Same routine applies in the afternoon for the **Infant Classes** at **1.30pm**

Please note Junior Infant classes will go home at the earlier time of 12 noon

From Monday Sept 13th all Infant Classes will go home at 1.30pm

Please remember all our families from Afghanistan during this very difficult time in their country. They all have family and loved ones back home. For those who are moving here, we wish them a safe passage. For our pupils who are still there and are waiting for a safe time to return to school, our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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