



August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that the first day back in school went well for everyone. These are just a few reminders as we settle back and look forward to the days and weeks ahead.

- Please familiarise yourselves with the **Covid symptoms**. These have been updated [here](#) .
- Parents are advised by the HSE to take a precautionary approach. If any symptoms are present, or if your child does not seem well, he/she should not be in school.
- The HSPC has published an Isolation Quickguide to answer any questions you may have about illness, close contacts, etc. [Click HERE](#)
- On return to school following an absence, please complete the **'Back to School' form** on Aladdin. If you have any difficulty operating the Aladdin app, please contact Julie/ Elaine in the school office.
- Pupils carried **heavy schoolbags** to school today. Most books and copies will be kept in school. Boys and girls will only be taking home books relevant to their homework. This should make the journey to and from school easier for all.
- Homework will **not** be given to pupils this week.
- Please **wear a mask** when entering the school premises. All staff wear masks in school. Your child may wear a mask if he/ she wishes.
- We will continue to have **Covid-19 mitigation** measures in place this year. All of these measures have been set out in our Covid Response plan. A summary powerpoint was sent to all families last weekend.
- From tomorrow onwards, all **pupils in Senior Infants, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will begin school at 8.40 a.m.** Pupils in **Junior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes will begin at 8.50 a.m.** As everyone had the opportunity this morning to see the system of lining-up in operation, I'm sure tomorrow will be much easier for everyone. Please leave the school grounds as quickly as possible to help reduce crowding.
- Dunlaoghaire Rathdown Co. Council will have a **school warden** in place outside the school next week. The Board of management has worked hard to ensure this additional road-safety feature would be in place as early as possible in the school year.
- Pupils in **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** classes should be walking independently from the main gate. I will be at the main gate in the morning-time to help encourage pupil independence.
- Junior and senior infant parents should accompany these pupils to the barriers and then **exit the school grounds as quickly as possible**. When entering the school grounds, please follow the ground markings. **Keep to the right when entering and exiting the school.**
- Please ensure your child **has all books** and materials needed for this year. All the information about books and materials is published on the school website.

- The reintroduction of **afterschool activities** will be discussed at our next school board meeting. We will be guided by public health advice. We hope to be in a position to return after-school activities later in the term.
- Your child will have two PE days each week. The **school tracksuit** should be worn to school on these days. Please do not worry about this week. We will communicate your child's PE days in our next bulletin before the weekend.
- With the lifting of restrictions, we are expecting that the parish pastoral committee will be issuing dates for the **First Holy Communion** celebrations for the 2020 and 2021 groups who missed out. The first ceremony to be planned will be the **Confirmation** ceremony for the recently graduated sixth classes. I will bring any information to relevant parents as soon as we hear more.
- We will send our next newsletter just before the weekend.
- If you have any queries or wish to bring any matter to the attention of your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year, please contact the school office [office@holytrinity.ie](mailto:office@holytrinity.ie)

Yours Sincerely,

James Tobin

When the younger classes are going home in the afternoon, they will be released in the following order to help eliminate unnecessary crowding of adults.

**12 noon–Junior Infants-** Ms Brennan's Class, followed by Ms. Collins' Class, followed by Ms. Walsh's Class

**1.20- Senior Infants:** Ms. Lynn/Brophy's Class followed by Ms. Morrissey's class, followed by Ms. Hill's class.

**2:20 Second Class:** Mr Phelan's Class, followed by Ms. Ryan's Class, followed by Ms. Mulcahy's Class

**2:30 First Class:** Ms Matthews' Class followed by Mr. Fitzgerald's Class, followed by Ms. O Dwyer's Class.

The order of releasing class will remain the same each day. Parents and Guardians should wait outside the main gate until your child's class is called. Please bear with us as we eliminate any teething issues.