



# Newtownmountkenedy Primary School

(DEDICATED TO ST. BRIGID & ST. JOSEPH)

Le Chéile Arís – Fáilte ó Chroí

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very much looking forward to reopening our school tomorrow and welcoming back the children of Newtownmountkenedy P.S. We are very grateful to staff, parents and BOM members who have worked incredibly hard to ensure our school is ready for reopening.

Our Response plan is available on the school website. This contains details of drop off and collection times. Please read through this before tomorrow morning so that you and your child are familiar with our new routines.

Some key points to note are;

- Supervision is available from 8.50am.
- No parents are allowed on school premises for morning drop off (except Junior infant parents). Please follow school guidelines for collection time. Our yards/avenue are clearly marked to help with social distancing.
- When you drop your child at our school, please do not wait in the drop off areas. We want everyone to have the opportunity to arrive safely.
- Please ensure you follow social distancing guidelines.
- All children and staff are required to use hand sanitiser when entering/exiting our school building.
- We are limiting the number of items shared between home and school. Children are not allowed to bring toys/games/cards, etc from home. Pencil cases to remain in school.
- Teachers will ensure children are familiar with the new school routines and will explain new rules regarding sanitising, handwashing, pods, yard bubbles, etc to them tomorrow. All staff will ensure children feel welcome and are happy and supported as they return to school.
- Staff will have to wear masks/face shields at certain points throughout the day. This should not be a cause of concern - we are simply following guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.
- Some parents have requested information regarding Suspect Covid-19 cases their child's pod/class. It is very important to remember that children and staff have a right to privacy. We will be following DES and HSE guidelines in this area. These guidelines do not include the sharing of information regarding children/staff sent home with symptoms. If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 within our school, this is a public health matter. Contact tracing is matter for the HSE and not for schools.

We are very grateful to all parents for their support and co-operation in reopening our school. We look forward to being together again.

Le gach-dea ghuí,  
Deirdre Lennon