



# Newtownmountkennedy Primary School

(DEDICATED TO ST. BRIGID & ST. JOSEPH)

Dear Parents / Guardian,

We are continuing to work on our plans for reopening our school. We will be in contact with you with further information over the next two weeks. We appreciate your co-operation and support and we look forward to being together again on Monday 31st August.

Please see the following information for **all classes**

- Full school uniform to be worn on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- PE uniform to be worn on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Homework will be sent home via Aladdin. There will be no written homework in September. This is to limit the number of items brought to and from school and to limit opportunities for the spread of the virus.
- Carambola will provide school lunches again this year. All children in our school are entitled to receive a school lunch from Carambola.
- Children who avail of school lunches will not need to bring a bag to school for September.
- We will not be sending paper notes home this year. All notes will be posted on our school website. Parents will receive notification via Aladdin.
- Teachers in our Classes for children with ASD will be in contact with parents with resources & Social stories to help support children as they return to school. We will continue to include children from our ASD classes in our mainstream classes.
- Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> class and Ms. Corcoran's Class for children with ASD will be based in the Junior School. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class and Ms. Russell's Class for children with ASD will be based in the Senior School. Ms. Cheevers and Ms. Wellwood's Classes for children with ASD will be based in St. Joseph's Centre. We will share details of our drop off and collection plan once it has been finalised. Thank you to all school staff who are working on preparing rooms for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure that we can maximise physical distancing.
- Teachers will ensure children are aware of the proper hygiene procedures regarding hand washing and etiquette related to sneezing, coughing or spitting. We would be grateful if you could also emphasise safe behaviour in this regard to your children at home as part of the preparation for returning to school.
- Our aim remains to re-open the school in an orderly safe manner, while reassuring the children and making them feel comfortable, safe and relaxed with their friends in the new school environment. This will be achieved by all of us working towards this common goal.
- We will be in contact with you in the coming days with further information.

Deirdre Lennon.  
School Principal.