



Newtownmountkennedy Primary School

(DEDICATED TO ST. BRIGID & ST. JOSEPH)

Dear Junior Infant Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child to Newtownmountkennedy Primary School on Monday August 31st.

We are continuing to work on our plans for reopening our school and we are very much aware of how special this day is for all our new pupils.

Our aim is to make this day as welcoming and as enjoyable as possible for you and your child while also ensuring Covid-19 guidelines are followed.

In order to do this, we have developed the following plan;

- Junior Infants will begin at 9.30am and finish at 1.00pm for the first two weeks.
- Parents of Junior Infant children will be allowed to accompany their child to our yard at the back at the school at 9.30am (Please remember to follow social distancing rules in the yard). Entrance through side gate. This will be clearly marked and there will be school staff present to help guide you to this area.
- We would really appreciate if you could put a sticker or badge with your child's name on their jumper so we can greet them by name.
- Ms Doyle and Ms McConn will meet the children in the yard.
- Ms Doyle and Ms McConn will greet children and help them to sanitise their hands as they are lined up. All class 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.
- Ms Doyle and Ms McConn will bring the children into their classes. Unfortunately **we cannot allow any parents into our school buildings.**
- Parents of Junior Infant children will collect their children from the same yard at 1.00pm.
- The children will be lined up at home time and the teacher will ensure children are handed over safely to waiting parents/guardians. Please do not take your child from the line.
- Children will only have one lunch break for the first two weeks. They will only need to bring a small, healthy snack with them (Please use a small lunch bag). Children in Junior Infants will receive a Carambola lunch from Monday 14th September.
- Children will wear their full uniform on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and their PE uniform on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Our aim remains to re-open the school in an orderly and 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 would very much like to thank you for your co-operation with this plan.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31st August at 9.30am.