

Reopening of Newtownmountkennedy P.S. 31st August 2020

This plan is subject to change

Information for Junior School, Senior School and St. Joseph's Centre

- There will be teacher supervision from 8.50 to facilitate early drop off. On dry days children will line up in the yard. Class teachers will bring children to their classes at 9.00am. On rainy days children will be directed to their class by supervising teacher.
- Assembly time is from 9.00-9.20am. Children who arrive during this time are not marked as late arrivals.
- We would encourage parents to walk or cycle to school with their children as the car park will be very busy and parking is limited. Please do not park on school grounds- this is for staff parking only.
- There will be no supervision before 8.50 and children are **not** allowed on school grounds before this time.
- There will be social distance markers in the yard to help ensure social distancing takes place.
- Classes for children with autism – Buses will drop all children to St. Joseph's Centre. School staff will bring children to their class/building. Parents who drop their children to St. Joseph's Centre can walk child to front door but they cannot enter the building.
- There are different guidelines for Junior Infants for the first weeks – see information on school website.
- Please see Teacher List/Classroom information to find out which room your child is in.
- Early Collection - Please phone the school to organise early collection. Children can only be collected by named people on the collection list. Children must still be signed out for Early Collections.
- Meetings with school staff are by prior appointment only and we will require any visitors to complete details in a Contact Tracing Logbook.
- Messages for teachers can be sent by email or by phoning the school. Please do not try to give messages to teachers or have meetings with them in the yard at morning or home time.

Junior School – Drop off and Collection

- Junior school main gate will be closed to cars at 8.45am.
- Parents are NOT allowed in school yard in the morning time. Please wait on the footpath.
- Supervising teachers will greet children at gate and direct them to the back yard (which will be supervised by teachers).
- All children will sanitise their hands as they enter/exit the school (Sanitiser will be provided by the school).
- Junior and Senior Infants will use the door by Mrs Keyes room to enter and exit the building.
- 1st class will use the door in the back yard to enter/exit the building during the school day.

- 2nd class will use the door in the playground at the back of the Junior School to enter/exit the building during the school day.
- Ms. Corcoran's ASD class – enter/exit by front door or line up in the yard with their mainstream classes. Staff will bring children who arrive by bus to Junior/Senior School.
- Home Time – Parents in the Junior school are allowed into the front yard for home time collection.
- We have staggered home times and we would appreciate your co-operation with this plan to ensure safety procedures can be followed. Class teachers will walk class to front yard. Please do not take your child from the line or call them over to you. Class teachers will safely hand over children in turn.
- Junior Infants will finish at 1.20pm - exit by side gate/front door (on rainy days)
- Senior Infants will finish at 1.30pm – exit by side gate/front door (on rainy days)
- 1st Class will finish at 2.30pm (Except for first two weeks-they will finish at 1.40pm). Exit by side door in front yard.
- 2nd class will finish at 2.40pm – exit by side door in front yard.

Senior School

- No parents allowed in school yard or on the avenue (from where staff parking is). There will be teacher supervision here and on the yard.
- We would ask parents not to wait on the avenue as it will lead to congestion and prevent social distancing from taking place. We want all children and staff to be able to arrive safely.
- Supervising teachers will greet children at drop off point and direct them to the yard (which will be supervised by teachers).
- All children will sanitise their hands as they enter/exit the school (Sanitiser will be provided by the school).
- There will be social distancing markers on the ground.
- Each class will line up in their allocated space.
- 3rd class will enter/exit the school by the back doors of their classrooms.
- 4th class will enter/exit the school by the side door.
- 5th class will enter/exit the school at the side door in their room(new path).
- 6th class will enter/exit by the back door of their classroom.
- Ms Russell's ASD class will enter/exit side door in their room (new path).
- We have staggered home times and we would appreciate your co-operation with this plan to ensure safety procedures can be followed. Class teachers will walk class to avenue.
- Parents in the Senior School can line up on the avenue at home time but not in the yard. Please observe social distancing guidelines.
- 3rd Class - 2.25pm.
- 4th Class - 2.35pm.
- 5th Class – 2.45pm
- 6th Class – 2.50pm

Classrooms

- We have taken all unnecessary furniture out of our classrooms so that we can maximise the space for social distancing.
- Each class will be a bubble and in these bubbles we will have pods (groups). The biggest number we will have in any pod is 6. While children are not 1m apart within their pods we have tried to ensure that they are 1m away from the next pod (This is in line with DES Classroom layout guidelines).
- Teachers will put the children into pods. Pods will be colour coded and each child will receive a coloured sticker on the first day to help them remember their pod colour.
- Each child will be given a box to put their books, copies, pencil case in. These boxes will remain on the child's desk. We would appreciate if your child could bring a pencil case with pencils, colours, sharpener etc to school. This pencil case will stay in school and be for school use only. We are trying to limit the numbers of items being brought between home and school.
- Corridors will be clearly marked for social distancing and all teachers will ensure children are aware of proper hygiene procedures.
- There will be posters in each class highlighting the importance of good hand hygiene and etiquette relating to sneezing, coughing and spitting.
- There will be no written homework in September so your child will not have to bring a school bag to school.
- Carambola will be delivering lunches from Monday 31st August.
- Please label all your child's belongings clearly.
- If your child cannot tie their laces, we would ask that they wear Velcro shoes.

Yard Times

- Yard times will be staggered. Yards will be clearly marked so that there will be no mixing of bubbles (Classes).
- We have arranged eating time in class and play times in yard to ensure that there will be no meeting of classes as they enter/exit yard.
- Children in our classes for children with ASD will have lunch times with their corresponding mainstream classes.
- Please ensure your child brings a raincoat to school every day as outdoor time is essential during the school day.

Staggered Yard Times

Class	Break	Lunch	Building
Junior & Senior Infants	10.45 - 10.55	12.00 – 12.30	Junior School
1 st and 2 nd class	11.00 - 11.10	12.30 – 1.00	Junior School
3 rd and 4 th class	10.45-10.55	12.00 -12.30	Senior School
5 th and 6 th class	11 – 11.00	12.30 – 1.00	Senior School