

Wednesday 9th September 2020

Updated School Arrangements

Dear Parents,

We are continually reviewing our COVID-19 arrangements and procedures. From **Thursday 10th September**, we are making a few adjustments. These relate to the dropping off and collection of children.

From Thursday 10th September 2020:

- We are asking anyone aged 12 or over coming onto the site, either to drop or collect children, to wear a face covering. This does not apply for anyone currently exempt, please refer to national guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

We are making this change as a precaution. This is recognising the significant number of adults on the school site, and within the local area, both at the beginning and at the end of the school day.

- To ease congestion at the end of the school day, we are now asking parents to collect at the following times:

Suggested arrival time	Children with surnames
3:15pm	Letters A to D
3:20pm	Letters E to M (to Mills)
3:25pm	Letters M (from Monaghan) to Y

Please, please do not arrive early and please observe social distancing rules while queuing.

- Please consider parking at Sainsbury's. Spreading out the direction in which parents arrive at school will help to ease congestion on surrounding paths and will assist all parents and children to maintain social distancing.
- To keep numbers as low as possible, only one adult to drop or collect please.

Further Guidance for Children with Coughs

As we approach winter, we know it is common for children to have coughs and colds and, indeed, some children always appear to have a cough. A new, continuous cough is a key COVID-19 symptom. The guidance states:

A new, continuous cough. This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

We will monitor children very closely when in school. Where children are coughing we will apply the COVID-19 criteria, we will contact you to find out if your child has been coughing at home.

If your child is symptomatic, we will contact you immediately. Your child will be isolated within school (still supervised) while they are waiting to be collected.

If your child develops a new, continuous cough at home please do not send them into school as they are symptomatic; all household members will need to self-isolate too. Please arrange for them to be tested and please inform school of the test outcome. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

If your child is unwell and you require assistance please contact NHS 111.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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