

**RE: Fáilte ar ais**

A Thuismitheoir / Caomhnóir,

Tá Bord Bainistíochta agus foireann na Scoile ag tnúth le fáilte a chur roimh daltaí uilig agus tuismitheoirí / caomhnóirí ar ais ar scoil an tseachtain seo chugainn don scoilbhliain 2020/2021. Tá muid ag obair ar ár bplean d'athoscailt shábháilte na scoile le roinnt seachtainí anois agus tá ár Ráiteas Beartais COVID-19 agus Plean Freagartha DES COVID-19 foilsithe againn d'athoscailt shábháilte agus inbhuanaithe Bunscoileanna agus Scoileanna Speisialta ar suíomh idirlíon na scoile.

Tá muid sásta go bhfuil bearta rialaithe i bhfeidhm againn chun a chinntiú gur athoscailt shábháilte a bheas ann, de réir na treoracha agus na moltaí reatha. Tógfaidh sé tamall orainn go léir dul i dtaithe ar na "cúinsí nua" de réir mar a théann muid i dtaithe ar na nósanna imeachta nua atá deartha chun gach duine a choinneáil slán agus chun scaipeadh an víris a chosc.

Chun an scoil a oscailt go shábháilte beidh gá le comhoibriú ó gach ball de Phobal na Scoile againn - Bord Bainistíochta, Ceannaireacht Scoile, Foireann, Tuismitheoirí agus Daltaí. Iarrfar orainn go léir ár gcuid a dhéanamh lena chinntiú go ndéantar an scoil a athoscailt ar bhealach shábháilte a choisceann scaipeadh an víris agus a ligeann d'obair thábhachtach an Teagaisc agus na Foghlama dul ar aghaidh, gan morán cur isteach air.

Tá muid ag súil go mór le fáilte a chur roimh ár bpáistí ar ais ar scoil agus beidh muid ag déanamh gach ní is féidir linn, chun a chinntiú go mbeidh filleadh ar ais ar scoil ina eispéireas shábháilte taitneamhach do na páistí.

Le meas,

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## Plean Athoscailt COVID-19 do Scoil Taobhóige

### Caide a thig leatsa déanamh sa bhaile chun cuidiú le do pháiste ullmhú

- Cleachtaigh lámha a ní i gceart le sópa, ar feadh 20 soicind. Déan cinnte go bhfuil a fhios ag do pháiste conas a lámha a thriomú go hiomlán. Ba chóir go mbeadh a fhios ag páistí fósta conas díghalrán láimhe a úsáid i gceart.
- Múin an bealach ceart casachta agus sraothartach do do pháiste. Casacht nó sraothartach isteach i gciarsúr, nó isteach i do uillinn mura bhfuil ciarsúr agat. Cuir an ciarsúr sa bhosca bruscair agus nigh nó usáid díghalrán ar do lámha.
- Cinntigh go dtig le do pháiste a bhosca lóin, a bhuidéal, a chóta agus a bhróga a oscailt agus a dhúnadh go neamhspleách. Ní cheadaítear bróga le iallacha d'aon pháiste sa scoil nach féidir leo iallacha a cheangal go neamhspleách.
- Mínigh do do pháiste go mbeidh rudaí rud beag difriúil, ach déan iarracht gan a chur in iúl dóibh go bhfuil tú ró-bhuartha. Píocann páistí suas air seo.

### Ag teacht agus ag fágáil

Iarrann muid ar gach tuismitheoir iad féin a chur ar an eolas faoi na nósanna fágála agus bailiúcháin seo a leanas. Bí foighneach le do thoil agus muid ag iarraidh na cleachtais seo a chur i bhfeidhm ag tús na scoilbliana.

Ag teacht - Caithfidh scoileanna srian a chur ar an idirghníomhaíocht ar theacht agus imeacht ón scoil. Ciallaíonn sé seo go gcaithfidh páistí fanacht sa charr / bus, agus teacht go díreach isteach sa seomra ranga tríd an doras éigeandála do gach seomra. Tógfar teocht na bpáistí nuair a thagann siad. Ba chóir do pháiste teacht ar scoil idir 9.20rn agus 9.30rn.

Ag fágáil - Fágfaidh gach naíonán an scoil de réir mar atá sé ar fhéilire na scoile. Maidir le gach rang eile - Beidh páiste a théann ar an mbus ag fágáil na scoile ag 2.50i.n. Is féidir páiste a théann i gcarr a bhailiú idir 2.50in – 3in. Fágfaidh bunadh siúl an scoil ag 3in.

Tá an seirbhís bus ar an eolas faoi na socruithe seo. Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí teagmháil a dhéanamh go díreach leis an comhlacht bus ma tá aon aon cheist maidir le busanna.

### Scaradh fisiciúil

Bainfear scaradh fisiciúil amach ar dhá bhealach:

Scaradh a Mhéadú. Bainfear é seo amach trí na seomraí ranga a athrú chun an méid spás

fisiceach a mhéadú. Baineadh úsáid as gach spás mór atá ar fáil sa scoil chun fillleadh iomlán ar an scoil.

- Tá Rg 3 - 6 sa Seomra Glas . Táthar ag súil go gcoinneoidh páistí sna ranganna seo scaradh 1m nuair is féidir. Úsáidfí na ranganna seo na leithris sa seomra Riachtanais Oideachais Speisialta.
- Tá Naíonáin Bheaga - Rang 2 sa seomra a tugadh do na ardranganna go dtí seo. Ní chaithfidh an aoisghrúpa seo cloí leis an treoirlíne 1m maidir le scaradh fisiceach.
- Tá an seomra Riachtanais Oideachais Speisialta anois sa seomra a tugadh do na ísealranganna roimhe seo.

Tá gach seomra mar bolgán agus cinnteoidh muid nach mbeidh an oiread sin teagmhála idir páistí i mbolgán éagsúla. Mar bheart breise, roinnfear seomraí ranga ina ngrúpaí, nó ina 'nead'. Beidh na páistí seo ina suí, ag obair agus ag súgradh le chéile. Go ginearálta is é an cuspóir nó teagmháil a laghdú idir daoine i mbolgáin a oiread agus is féidir. Is beart breise iad na neadacha taobh istigh de na bolgáin sin.

Idirghníomhaíocht a Laghdú. Bainfear é seo amach trí laghdú a dhéanamh ar an idirghníomhú idir bolgáin. Beidh doirse iontrála agus imeachta difriúil ag páistí ó gach seomra ranga i bhfoirgneamh na scoile.

Beidh clúdach aghaidh ar mhúinteoirí nuair nach féidir scaradh fisiciúil 2m a choinneáil.

### **Am súgradh**

Tá buntáistí mór le súgradh an pháiste. Caithfear go leor ama ag foghlaim trí imirt agus ag éisteacht le scéalta i rith an chéad cúpla seachtain ar scoil. Ar feadh tamaill beag caithfidh sé seo a bheith ina thosaíocht.

Ní féidir scaradh fisiciúil a choinneáil nuair a bhíonn daltaí ag súgradh le chéile taobh amuigh, ach coinneofar an dá sheomra ranga scartha ag na hamanna seo.

### **Glanadh**

Beidh níos mó glanadh sa scoil achan lá, de réir threoirlínte agus seicliostaí an rialtais. Cuirfear acmhainní ar fáil do pháiste ina n-aonar nuair is féidir, nó roinnfear iad lena nead. Glanfar acmhainní a roinntear idir ranganna idir úsáidí.

Glanfar leabhair, bréagáin agus acmhainní go rialta nó coraintín ar feadh 72 uair sula n-athúsáidfear iad. Nuair is féidir, beidh a dtéacsleabhair féin ag na daltaí le clúdach plaisteach orthu. Spreagfar na daltaí sláinteachas láimhe a dhéanamh tar éis aon earra roinnte a úsáid.

## **Málaí scoile agus lón**

Níor thug an rialtas aon treoirínite maidir leis na habháir seo, ach ba cheart bheith ciallmhar. Déan cinnte nach bhfuil aon rudaí nach bhfuil riachtanach, m.sh bréagáin, sa mhála scoile ag do pháiste. Píoc boscaí lóin, buidéal agus cásanna peann luaidhe atá furasta a ghlanadh, mar caithfear iad a ghlanadh go minic. Ní gá do dhaltaí a fhaigheann lón Carambola bosca lóin nó uisce a thabhairt ar scoil.

Cuirfidh an scoil acmhainní ar fáil do gach páiste nuair is gá (m.sh. siosúr, gliú, márla, áireamhán)

Tá sé fíorthábhachtach go mbeadh abháir scoile ag gach pháiste, mar ní bheidh siad abálta roinnt lena gcáirde. Caithfear ábháir gach páiste a lipéadú go soiléir sula gcuirtear isteach iad ar an gcéad lá. Coinneofar na rudaí seo ar scoil do gach pháiste. Ba chóir na rudaí ceanna a cheannach le coinneáil sa bhaile don obair bhaile.

## **Cumarsáid**

Seolfar nuachtlitreacha na scoile uilig trí ríomhphost amháin. Seolfar teacs trí Komeer ag insint duit go bhfuil nuachtlitir úr ar fáil.

Tá sé fíorthábhachtach nach ndéanann tuismitheoirí iarracht cruinniú a bheith acu le baill foirne ag amanna fágála agus bailiú - Caithfear socrú roimh ré a bheith déanta d'aon chruinnithe idir tuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí.

Tuigimid go gcaithfidh tuismitheoir uaireanta teacht chun na scoile ar bhonn práinne, nó má tá dearmad déanta ag páiste ar rud inteacht. Má tharlaíonn seo, tár chuig doras éigeandála seomra ranga Múinteoir Ní Fhiograí, agus cuideoidh sí leat ar bhealach ar bith is féidir.

Más mian leat coinne a dhéanamh chun labhairt leis an bPríomhoide / múinteoir, déan é seo a shocrú trí theagmháil a dhéanamh leis an scoil ar an bhfón nó ar ríomhphost, agus cuirfear am ar leataobh dó seo.

Ní ghlacfar le nóta ó thuismitheoir. Mas rud é go bhfuil teachtaireacht agat do mhúinteoir, caithfear seo a scríobh trí ríomhphost.

Caithfear loga teagmhála a líonadh ar dtús roimh gach cuairt.

## **Obair bhaile**

Tabharfar sonraí faoi shocruithe obair bhaile nuair a philleann muid ar ais.

## **Airgead**

Glacann an scoil le híocaíochtaí ar líne. Ní ghactar airgead tirim níos mó. Thig le tuismitheoirí íocaíochtaí a dhéanamh trí Komeer. Nó, más mian le tuismitheoir aistriú bainc a úsáid, faigh i dteagmháil leis an scoil chun sonraí bainc na scoile a fháil.

## **Sláinteachas Láimhe**

Déanfaidh páistí sláinteachas láimhe go minic i rith an lae, trí ní nó le díghalrán:

- Ar maidín
- Roimh ithe nó ól
- Indhaidh an leithreas a úsáid
- Indhaidh casacht nó sraothartach
- Indhaidh imirt taobh amuigh
- Nuair a bhíonn na lámha salach

Tá díghalran láimhe le fail ar fud na scoile.

## **Ag déileáil le Cás Amhrasta de COVID-19**

Comharthaí COVID 19:

- Teocht ard (38 ° C nó níos airde)
- Casacht
- Giorracht anála, nó deacrachtaí análaithe
- Boladh nó blas a chailleadh, nó athrú ar bhlas

NÍOR CHÓIR do pháiste freastal ar an scoil má tá siad tinn ar bhealach ar bith, nó má tá aon bhall dá dteaghlach tinn le hairíonna COVID 19.

Níor chóir do pháiste a thaistil ó thíortha nach bhfuil ar an Liosta Glas freastal ar scoil le linn na tréimhse féin-aonrúcháin 14 lá.

## **Seo an doigh a bheas an scoil ag dealáil le cás amhrasta:**

1. Tá an ionad leithlisithe sa scoil i halla na scoile. Má thaispeánann dalta comharthaí COVID-19 agus iad ar scoil seo a leanas na nósanna imeachta atá le cur i bhfeidhm:
2. Tabharfar an pháiste go dtí an ionad leithlisithe agus tabharfar masc aghaidh dó le caitheamh.

Cuirtear gloch láithreach chuig na tuismitheoirí / caomhnóirí / duine fásta ainmnithe, agus caithfidh siad socrú a dhéanamh chun a pháiste a bhailiú.

Ba chóir do gach duine a bhfuil comharthaí COVID-19 air teagmháil a dhéanamh le dochtúir chun tuilleadh comhairle a fháil. Má eagraíonn an dochtúir tástáil agus má thagann an tástáil ar ais mar thástáil dhearfach, rachaidh Sláinte Poiblí i dteagmháil le tuismitheoirí chun aon duine a bhí i dteagmháil leo a aithint le linn na tréimhse tógálach.

Nuair a fhilleann an pháiste ar scoil, iarrtar ar an tuismitheoir / caomhnóir dearbhú gairid scríofa a thabhairt ar dtús ag deimhniú go bhfuil siad sásta go bhfuil biseach ar an pháiste, gur lean siad aon chomhairle leighis a tugadh maidir le fanacht ón scoil agus nach bhfuil aon chúis inní orthu go léiríonn an pháiste riosca ionfhabhtaithe áirithe anois do pháiste eile nó don fhoireann. Tá an fhoirm seo ceangailte mar Aguisín 1

## **AGUISÍN 1 - Foirm Dearbhaithe Tuismitheora um Fhilleadh ar Scoil**

Ainm an Pháiste: \_\_\_\_\_

Rang: \_\_\_\_\_

Dearbhú:

Níl aon chúis agam a chreidiúint go bhfuil galar tógalach ar mo pháiste agus lean mé gach treoir leighis agus sláinte poiblí maidir le mo pháiste a choinneáil ó sheirbhísí oideachais.

Sínithe \_\_\_\_\_

Dáta: \_\_\_\_\_

20th August 2020

**RE: Fáilte ar ais**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The BoM and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils and parents / guardians back to school next week for the 2020/2021 school year. We have been working on our plan for the safe reopening of the school for some weeks now and have published our COVID-19 Policy Statement and the DES COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of Primary and Special Schools on our school website.

We are satisfied that we have control measures in place to ensure that this will be a safe re-opening, in line with current guidance and recommendations. It will take some time for all of us to get used to the “new circumstances” as we become familiar with the new routines and procedures designed to keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus.

Re-opening the school safely will require the co-operation of all members of our School Community – BoM, School Leadership, Staff, Parents and Pupils. We will all be called on to play our part in ensuring that re-opening of the school is done in a safe manner which prevents the spread of the virus and allows the vital work of Teaching and Learning to proceed with as little disruption as possible.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our children back to school and will be doing all that we can to ensure that the return to school is a safe and enjoyable experience for the children.

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## **COVID-19 Reopening Plan for Scoil Taobhóige**

### **What you can do at home to help your child prepare**

- Practice washing hands properly with soap, for 20 seconds. Make sure that your child knows how to dry their hands thoroughly. Children should also know how to use hand sanitizer correctly.
- Teach your child correct coughing and sneezing etiquette. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, or into your elbow if you do not have a tissue. Put the tissue in the bin and wash or sanitize your hands.
- Make sure that your child can independently open and close their lunchbox and bottle, their coat and their shoes. Shoes with laces are not allowed for any child throughout the school who cannot independently tie laces.
- Explain to your child that things will be a bit different, but try not to let them know that you are overly worried. Children pick up on your stress.

### **Drop off and collection**

We would ask all parents to familiarise themselves with the following drop-off and collection routines for the safe delivery and collection of pupils from school. Please be patient as we endeavour to embed these necessary precautionary and protective practices at the beginning of the school year.

**Drop-off** - Schools must limit interaction on arrival and departure from school. This means that children must remain in their cars/bus, and come directly into the classroom via the emergency exit door for each room. Children's temperatures shall be taken upon arrival. Children should arrive at school between 9.20am and 9.30am.

**Collection** - All infants shall leave school as per times on the school calendar. For all other classes - Children who travel by bus shall be leaving the school at 2.50pm. Children who travel by car may be collected between 2.50pm - 3pm. Children who walk shall leave at 3pm.

The bus service provider has been informed of these arrangements. Parents should contact the bus company directly for any queries regarding buses.

### **Physical distancing**

Physical Distancing will be achieved in two ways:

**Increasing Separation.** This will be achieved by re-configuring the classrooms to maximise

physical distancing. All available large areas within the school have been utilised to achieve a full return to school.

- Rg 3 - 6 are being allocated to the largest area (GP Room). Children in these classes are expected to keep a distance of 1m where possible. These classes will use the toilets in the Special Educational Needs room.
- Naíonáin bheaga – Rang 2 are being allocated the room previously given to the senior classes. This age group is not required to abide by the 1m physical distancing guideline.
- The Special Educational needs room is allocated to the room previously given to the junior classes.

Each classroom will be referred to as a bubble and we will ensure that there is as little contact as possible between children in different bubbles. As an additional measure, classrooms will be divided into groups, or 'pods'. These children will sit, work and play together. Generally speaking the objective is to limit contact and sharing of common facilities between people in different Class Bubbles (and Pods within those Class Bubbles) as much as possible, rather than to avoid all contact between Pods, as the latter will not always be possible. The Pods within those Class Bubbles is an additional measure, to limit the extent of close contact within the Class Bubble.

Decreasing Interaction. This will be achieved by decreasing the potential for children from different bubbles to interact. Children from each classroom will have separate entry and exit points in the school building.

Teachers will wear a face covering when a physical distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.

### **Playtime**

The benefits of play are well documented. Lots of time will be spent learning through play and listening to stories during the first few weeks of school. For a little while this must take precedence.

It is not possible to maintain physical distancing when pupils play together outdoors, but both classrooms will be kept separate at these times.

### **Cleaning**

Cleaning in the school will be increased considerably every day, following all government guidelines and checklists. Resources will be provided for children individually where possible, or shared with their pod. Resources that are shared between classes will be cleaned between uses.

Books, toys and resources will be cleaned regularly or quarantined for 72 hours before being reused. Where practical, pupils will have their own textbooks with a wipeable plastic covering. Pupils will be encouraged to perform hand hygiene after using any shared item.

### **Schoolbags and lunches**

The government has not given any guidelines regarding these items, but a common sense approach should be followed. Ensure that your child does not have any unnecessary items, such as toys, in their schoolbag. Choose lunchboxes, bottles and pencil cases that are easy to clean, as they will need to be cleaned frequently. Children who receive carambola lunches do not need to bring a lunch box or water to school.

The school will provide individual stationery and resources for each child where required (eg. scissors, pritt stick, play dough, calculator)

It is vital that all children have the stationery that they need, as they will not be able to share with their classmates. Each child's stationery items must be clearly labelled before sending in on the first day. These items will be kept at school for each child. A separate set of stationery items should be purchased to be kept for home use.

### **Communication**

The school newsletters will now all be sent by email, with no option for a paper copy. A message will be sent via Komeer alerting you of a newsletter.

It is imperative that parents do not try to have meetings with members of staff at drop-off and collection times – meetings between parents and teachers can only take place by prior arrangement.

We understand that at times, a parent has to come to the school on an urgent basis, or if a child has forgotten something. If this is the case, please come to Múinteoir Ní Fhiograí's classroom emergency exit, whereby she will assist you in any way possible.

Should you wish to make an appointment to speak with the Principal/ teacher, please arrange this by contacting the school by phone or email, and a time will be set aside for this.

Notes from parents to teachers will not be accepted. If you wish to pass on a message to a teacher, this must be done by email.

A contact tracing log will need to be filled out first for each visit.

### **Homework**

Details on homework arrangements will be given upon our return.

### **Payments**

The school only accepts online payments. Cash must not be sent into the school. Parents may make payments through Komeer. Alternatively, should a parent wish to use bank transfer, please contact the school to request the school's bank details.

## **Hand Hygiene**

Children will perform hand hygiene regularly during the day, by washing or by sanitizing:

- On arrival at school
- Before eating or drinking
- After using the toilet
- After a cough or sneeze
- After playing outdoors
- When hands are physically dirty

Hand sanitizer dispensers will be installed throughout the school.

## **Dealing with a Suspected Case of COVID-19**

Symptoms of COVID 19:

- High temperature (38°C or above)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath, or breathing difficulties
- Loss of smell or taste, or distortion of taste

Children should NOT ATTEND school if they are in any way unwell, or if any members of their household are unwell with symptoms of COVID 19.

Children who have travelled from countries not on the Green List should not attend school during the 14 day self - isolation period.

The following outlines how the school will deal with a suspected case that may arise:

The designated isolation area in the school is in the entrance foyer. If a pupil displays symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at school the following are the procedures to be implemented:

1. The child will be brought to the designated isolation area and will be given a face mask to wear.
2. The parents/guardians/designated adult will be contacted immediately, and must arrange to collect their child.

All individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their GP for further advice. If the doctor arranges testing and the test comes back as positive, parents will be contacted by Public Health to identify anyone who has been in close contact with them during the period when they were likely to have been infectious.

Upon the child's return to school, the parent/guardian is asked to provide a brief written declaration that they are satisfied that the child has recovered, that they have followed any medical advice given regarding staying away from school and that they have no reason to believe that the child now represents a particular infection risk to other children or to staff. This form is attached as Appendix 1

**APPENDIX 1 - Return to School Parental Declaration Form**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Declaration:

I have no reason to believe that my child has an infectious disease and I have followed all medical and public health guidance with respect to exclusion of my child from educational services.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_