

St John the Baptist BNS

3rd-6th Return to School 15 March 2021 - Summary for Parents



1. **VERY IMPORTANT The Return to School Form must be completed for each 3rd to 6th boy before Monday. Click here to fill out -> [Return To School Form](#)**
2. **Letter from Deputy Chief Medical Officer to all parents/guardians - [Letter from DCMO to parents/guardians](#)**



School reopens on Mon 15 March for pupils in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes. School hours will remain the same as last term for each class.



Morning drop off arrangements remain the same.. Surname A-L from 9-9.10am & surname M-Z from 9.10-9.20am. Pupils go directly to their classroom via assigned door (A, B, C or D). Pick up arrangements also remain the same. Junior Infants, Senior Infants & First Class parents only inside the school wall, waiting on coloured dots. **Absolutely no congregating outside the school and everyone must wear a mask in the vicinity of the school.**



Pupils are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school. If driving, please drop & go where/when appropriate. The **temporary car park has been extended** for staff cars to help parents with traffic flow & physical distancing at drop off & pick up.



To pick up a child during school hours, please phone first. You must wear a mask at the reception window if you have to physically come to the school building.



There will be no access to the classrooms for parents or visitors. Parents & staff to communicate via phone, email or online platforms.



All staff have been asked to refamiliarise themselves with relevant Covid training and the revised DES Response Plan (Feb '21).



We will prioritise outdoor learning where possible. Tracksuits days as per last term. **Dept of Ed. good ventilation practices in place. Windows will be open. Children need to be dressed warmly and bring a coat every day.**



Staff will wear a medical grade mask at all times.



The hand washing and sanitising routines established last term will continue. We will remain extra vigilant about this.



Pupils must self-isolate or restrict their movements at home if they display any symptoms of COVID-19.

Pupils should not return to school in the event of the following:

1. If they are identified by the HSE as a close contact/confirmed case.
2. If they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus.
3. If they are returning from overseas (14 days 'quarantine' is required)



If showing symptoms in school, a pupil will be isolated and parents called. Parents will contact their GP to arrange a test.



Each class is one bubble. The response to confirmed cases or outbreaks is the responsibility of and will be led and managed by Public Health HSE.



Contact between classes/bubbles will be minimal, even at breaks. All groups/pods within bubbles are at least 1m apart. Pods will mix for differentiated work & in the playground. Pods will be changed half termly or where deemed necessary by the class teacher.



All pupils must have an individual supply of labelled stationery and supplies which will be kept in school. Children must not share their belongings.



Any shared classroom resources will be wiped down between uses. The classes will be vigorously cleaned daily as part of our enhanced cleaning regime.



School bag & books brought back on Monday. Quarantined for 72 hours & empty schoolbag returned on Thurs. String bag, reusable water bottle & lunchbox (washed nightly) are the only items to be brought to school. Keep packaging in lunchbox to a minimum.



No physical homework for 3rd-6th until after the Easter holidays, but Classroom will still be used to post photographs & announcements. It remains an anxious time. Wellbeing resources for parents to support your children available by clicking [here](#).