

## Lisnagry National School



**August 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you are looking forward to your child returning to school on Thursday next. As you can imagine, our number one priority continues to be the wellbeing and safety of our school community. We are returning this time to a calmer and more familiar mode of operation which hopefully the children feel too. While this virus remains a constant threat which we must be ever vigilant of, we know now from the experience of the last school year what we can do at school to prevent the spread of the virus and how we can make the children feel safe and confident at school with us. We have been advised by the Department of Education to continue with the protocols and safety measures we had in place last year and this is what we are doing. All the measures we have taken are in line with the guidelines we received from the Department of Education and are compliant with public health guidelines.

It is our intention to continue with staggered drop off and collection times to avoid a large accumulation of cars/people outside the school. We would encourage all parents to stick as rigidly as possible to their times and staff will ensure that children are ready to leave at their times to help minimise the school gate/drop off area. Please wear masks and continue with social distancing when on school grounds.

### **Staggered Drop Off and Collection Times**

| <b>Start Time</b>   | <b>Home Time</b>   |
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| <p>In an effort to limit the number of people waiting in the school grounds in the morning we are bringing the children into school in <b>alphabetical order</b>.</p> <p><b>9-9.10am:</b> If your surname begins with <b>A-L</b></p> <p><b>9.10-9.20am:</b> If your surname begins with: <b>M-Z</b></p> | <p>Similarly for home time, in an effort to limit the number of people waiting outside the school, we have staggered dispersal times.</p> <p><b>1.50pm:</b> Junior Infants</p> <p><b>2pm:</b> Senior Infants A+B</p> <p><b>2.50pm:</b> Children with no siblings in the school in classes 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> (supervised by SET teachers)</p> <p><b>3pm:</b> Remaining students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> (supervised by</p> |

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|   | class teachers) |
| <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision will not be provided before 9am. There will be no outdoor supervision in the mornings as children will be going straight to their classrooms.</li> <li>• Please rest assured that Mr Feeny and the Support Teachers will be very visible in the mornings to ease the children in and to guide them in a calm and safe way into their rooms.</li> </ul> |                 |

| <b><u>Allocated Doors: Entry and Exit Points</u></b>  |  |
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| Please see below details of the entry and exit points for your child's class each morning and evening.  |  |
| <b>Class</b>  | <b>Entry/Exit</b>  |
| Junior Infants<br>Senior Infants A+B<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> class A+B   | Enter and exit through the <b>Junior Corridor door</b> beside Junior Infants Room 1. |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> class A+B   | Enter and exit through the <b>Main Reception door</b>                                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Enter and exit through the <b>Halla Exit</b>   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> A+B, 5 <sup>th</sup> A+B  | Enter and exit through the <b>Senior Corridor door</b>                               |
| <p>Note: Junior and Senior Infants will be brought to the basketball court by their teachers as usual for collection: Juniors @1.50pm, Seniors @ 2pm.</p> |  |

### **Child Illness**

If a child displays any symptoms they must be kept at home. If a child displays any symptoms at school, parents/ guardians will be asked to collect them. Click this link for medical advice:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/40e9c-protecting-your-child-from-coronavirus/>

### **Return to School Declaration**

A return to school declaration form must be filled in for each child returning to school. This form can be accessed on the Aladdin Connect App under "Attendance & Notes".

**Back to School Advice**

Please see this link which has videos you can play for your child depending on their class level. This link also contains specific advice for parents and guardians.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/>

As is the reality, nationally and internationally the situation in relation to Covid 19 is constantly evolving. We will, at all times, be guided by the Public Health advice and by the Department of Education and Skills and will therefore regularly review all measures put in place.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all in advance for your continued support as we strive to ensure the highest quality of education for your child. Working together we can help your child to have a fruitful and happy year in a safe, happy and healthy environment.

Yours Sincerely,

MICHAEL FEENEY