



Stonepark NS
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Roll No. 14386E

Monday 24th August 2020

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents & Guardians,

On behalf of all my colleagues at Stonepark NS, we are looking forward to receiving students back for another academic year. We are sure you are looking forward to getting back to some level of normality.



Taking Care

Our foremost responsibility is to educate, and this includes the health and wellbeing of our students, and our school community. We are endeavouring to keep school as normal as possible for our students. To this end, school start times and break times will be as the students understand already: 11am is small break; 12.30 lunch break (Juniors to second class); 1pm lunchbreak (third to sixth).

We have extended our playgrounds significantly and will now have the use of our 'Top Playground' which will in effect be a walking garden. We have also created 'social distance markers' in the school corridors and in the playground to help with lining up.

Reopening

- **First to Sixth Class** students start Monday August 31st 2020 at 09.20. Finish at 3pm.
- **Junior & Senior Infant** Students start Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 09.20. Finish at 12.30 for first few days, then 2pm. We will advise further later.

It is felt that Senior Infants will need quite a lot of care starting so this is why we will start on short days for the first few days.

Entering school

Adult visitors and parents **will not be allowed** inside the school building, or enter classes, for any reason. Visitors may come to Reception, but are encouraged to use the phone, or technology, such as email as much as possible. We can accommodate various kinds of technology to communicate. Visitors entering by appointment are requested to sign in for contact tracing.





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Gates entry / exit

On the school grounds, we have three numbered gates – **1, 2 & 3**. Number signs are being made for them.



Gate 1 is closest to the Ballagh Road. This is the sole entry / exit for First, Second, Third and Fourth classes.

Gate 2 is entry to the Infant Playground. This is the sole entry / exit for Junior Infants & Senior Infants.

Gate 3 is entry to the basketball courts. This is the sole entry / exit for Fifth & Sixth classes.

All students, except for Junior & Senior Infants, should enter the school grounds by themselves and proceed to their lines. On leaving school, the teacher will accompany them to the gate.



In general, parents and adults should not enter the school grounds, except by appointment.

The exception is parents of Junior & Senior Infants who will accompany their students to Gate 2 each morning, and pick them up from there each afternoon.

Gate 2 Infant Playground

Waiting at Gates

People waiting at the gates to pick up students after school are encouraged not to cluster at the school gates, and maintain social distancing at all times. People charged with picking up Junior & Senior Infants after school, may enter the school grounds and proceed to the Infant playground, where they were dropped off that morning.





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What will classroom bubbles and pods look like?



We are lucky to have plenty of space. A 'pod' is a group of 2-6 students sitting at a table in a classroom. A 'bubble' is a classroom of students. Each pod will stay minimum 1 metre distant within the classroom bubbles. Class bubbles should not mix, but pods from the same classroom may mix when playing outside. Students are not required to wear face coverings. Pods are an extra precaution within classrooms, as it is not always possible to keep pods separated.

How will classes work?

We hope to manage each class as its own 'bubble', within the larger 'bubble' of the school. Thus, students **will not be allowed to enter other classes** for any reason, and teachers will reduce travelling from class to class. Classes will be kept separate from each other on the playground to reduce risk.

Vulnerable Students

Vulnerable students are students who fall into HSE categories of vulnerability – very high risk or high risk. If you feel your child is vulnerable, you should consult your GP and inform us accordingly. Further information can be found here; <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/people-at-higher-risk.html>



Hygiene Procedures

We have **adequate supplies of sanitiser**, and hand washing facilities within the building. Students will be trained at school in good hand and respiratory hygiene – including coughing and sneezing etiquette.



After School Activities

After school activities are **curtailed this** school year. This will affect our very popular Homework Club, and usual rounds of basketball and GAA games. We will advise as the year progresses.



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Homework

We will not be giving homework to the students at least for the month of September, by which time we will review. The idea is that students have time to adjust, and it will reduce the amount of material being brought to and from homes. Teachers will review this decision at the end of September.



Communicating with teacher

The best way at the moment to communicate with teacher is via email. Each teacher at our school has their own email. See below for list of emails. Please send your teacher your best contactable email as soon as possible, so that you both can communicate.

If you have any concerns, or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes for now

Micheal O’Sullivan

Principal

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