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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope you and your family are enjoying this lovely sunny weather! Please take the time to read the following important information and reminders.

Return to School Declaration

Aladdin will generate a Return to School Declaration which you can **complete from 3pm today**. This Declaration **must be completed** before your child returns to school on Tuesday morning.

We ask everyone to adhere to following necessary protective practices from the start of the school year:

- 2m social distancing must be practiced by all parents/visitors to the school.
- Access to the school grounds/buildings will be limited to essential visits only.
- Parents/guardians/visitors must wear a face-covering/facemask when entering the school grounds.
- If at all possible, we request you not to come onto the school grounds unless you are dropping off or collecting Junior Infants, Senior Infants or First Class pupils.
- Meetings between parents and teachers should now only take place by appointment only – parents are asked not to approach teachers in the playground at drop-off and collections times. Communication with the school can be made via phone, Aladdin, email or Google Classroom
- The carpark is **SET DOWN** only. There is **no parking**. Gates open at 9.10am.
- Please be mindful when parking outside the school not to block gates or driveways and to leave the area around the Lollipop lady free of cars.

Covid 19 Information

I would ask you to please read and familiarise yourself with the school's updated Covid 19 Response Plan, Policy Statement, Parents' Guide to Close Contacts in School, the updated Isolation Quick Guide under 13s and the signs and symptoms of Covid 19. All are available to view on our school website.

School Policy in relation to children with symptoms of Covid 19

Do not send children to school if they are:

- Close contacts of a person with Covid 19
- Are awaiting a test
- Are experiencing symptoms of Covid 19
- If they live with somebody who has symptoms of the virus

Advice to Parents Regarding Covid 19 Symptoms

In order to prevent the spread of Covid 19 it is important to know and recognise the symptoms of Coronavirus including the Delta variant

Common Symptoms of Coronavirus include:

- A fever (high temperature – 38 degrees Celsius or above)
- A new cough – this can be any kind of cough not just dry
- Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- Loss or change in your sense of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Aches and pains

Other uncommon symptoms of Coronavirus include:

- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Feeling sick or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

If you have any symptoms of Covid 19, **self isolate** and phone your family doctor straight away to see if you need a **free Covid 19** test.

Getting an early diagnosis means you can get the help you need and take steps to avoid spreading the virus.

Book Delivery

If you have ordered your books from Michael Doherty School Supplies (Baggedbooks.ie) your child will receive them from their class teacher, on Tuesday, August 31st. Your bag of books will be brought home unopened for you to check. Any errors in your order must be reported directly to Michael Doherty's on 01 4636680. **Please do not ring the school office.**

If you haven't already paid the school for Book Rentals, photocopying etc. we would remind you that you can pay this on Aladdin.

Uniforms

The school uniform is worn 3 days per week and the school tracksuit is worn 2 days per week. Your child's teacher will inform you over the coming weeks the specific days for wearing the tracksuit. Please label clearly all items of uniform, coats, bags etc. as without labels it is very difficult to return misplaced items to the correct child. The school cannot be responsible for misplaced/lost items of uniform.

Aladdin

Please ensure that you check the Aladdin App regularly for all messages and updates.

Please use Aladdin Connect to explain absences, late arrivals or early collections. We would please ask you to collect your child early only in the case of an emergency.

If your contact details have changed please inform the office or you can change your contact details yourself on the Aladdin App.

Medicines

If your child has medication in school that may have expired over the summer please ensure you have a replacement for the first day of school.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday and to a good year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Dolores Kelly,
Principal