

Dear parent/guardian,

A successful return to school requires the continued support of parents to be vigilant and act responsibly within the overarching public health guidelines. The expectations upon our parents are designed to protect the entire school community.

*Parents must keep a 2m distance between others at all times

* In the playground, parents are asked to ensure their child is NOT socialising with any other pupil before or after school.

*Parents must bring and collect their child from school ON TIME to allow for staggered entries and exits to be effective. If the child is late, parents should ensure their child is brought to the main entrance.

*Parents are required to wait with their child until the appropriate time for entry before encouraging them to line up independently remaining at a safe distance to ensure their safety.

* Parents are expected to explain to their child the importance of social distancing from adults. Whilst bubbles with reduced social distancing have been established to mitigate risks for pupils, they MUST keep 2m from staff where possible.

* When collecting your child, please leave the school premises immediately.

* Parents are expected to clean named uniforms, lunch boxes/water bottles, and any other wipeable materials coming from school to protect the spread of infection.

* Equipment lists which are outlined in the June letter (see school website). Please ensure that each item is labelled so that it can be readily identified and for the sole use of your child.

*Parents are asked to take responsibility for their child's homework and ensure that it is completed to a high standard. Due to current restrictions, these books cannot be submitted daily and should remain at home until requested for monitoring on a regular basis by the class teacher.

Parents should understand that our main priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children on their return. Parents should understand there will be implications on the teaching timetable and the delivery of the NI Curriculum.

REMINDER!!

Do not send your child to school if your child or anyone you live with has any of the following symptoms:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);

☐ **a loss of or change in sense of smell or taste.**

If your child or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms above you should get a test for Covid-19. Details on how to do this can be found [here](#).

Covid-19 is still in our communities and we need parents, pupils and wider society to stay vigilant to “**Keep It Out**” of our schools.