



St Ronan's Primary School, Recarson

28th August 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It is wonderful to be back and to hear the pupil's laughter and voices fill the corridors of our school, the way it should be. Our school has been quiet for too long! A New School Year brings with it all things new. This year is no exception, with new routines in place. We have many safety precautions in place and the children are adapting to these very well. As you know, everyone's safety is paramount and all decisions taken at this time, revolve around this. We have been getting used to hand washing and sanitizing, one-way systems, staggered breaks and lunch times, separate bubbles and remaining within our playground zone to play. These will be monitored over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your co-operation in providing resources for your child. Please ensure your child's lunch box & water bottle are clearly labelled with their name. Just a reminder, pupils do not require school bags at present.

School Meals / Snack Club:

The school canteen and snack club will be available from **Tuesday 1st September 2020**. The school kitchen menu is attached for your information. Dinners will cost of £2.60 and can be paid for at the start of the week. **Please ensure all money is in an envelope with your child's name, class and days clearly labelled.**

Your child will also be able to order an item from the snack club. There will be a daily option of; fruit pot, water or hot item; please see attached Snack-Club Menu. **Again, all money should be in an envelope with your child's name, class and item clearly indicated.** Money for dinners and snack can be sent in in the same envelope.

PE Days:

Please see which day below your child is timetabled for PE. On these days please come to school dressed in PE uniform and trainers.

P1&2: Wednesday & Friday

P3: Wednesday & Friday

P4&5: Tuesday & Thursday

P5&6: Tuesday & Friday

P7: Tuesday and Thursday



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Children who are unwell or become unwell in School:

It is of paramount importance that if your child has been unwell the night before or in the morning that they remain at home especially if they are showing Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, a new persistent cough, loss of taste / smell). Please do not send a child who is unwell in any way to school. We ask that parents take their child / children's temperature in the morning before leaving for school.

If a child presents unwell during the school day, we will contact the parents immediately and arrangements must be made to take the child home. We request children are collected within 30 minutes of being contacted. Please bear this in mind and have arrangements in place for a child's collection in this situation. The school will follow strict PHA guidelines at all times when dealing with suspected cases of Covid-19 and parents will be informed accordingly. (Please see attached flow-chart outlining process for dealing with suspected cases of Covid-19).

Social Distancing:

Whilst social distancing guidelines within the primary school setting have been relaxed, we will strive to keep them in place as much as possible. Classes have been 'bubbled' and we will keep interaction between classes to a minimum. This will mean staggered break and lunch times. There will be no after school clubs at present.

Breakfast Club:

As we are currently working with class bubbles, we are unable to provide Breakfast Club at present due to the additional supervision required. We hope to commence the club in the coming weeks with strict social distancing. More information will follow.

Visitors:

Under current guidelines, visitors / parents will not be permitted in the school building without an appointment. Members of staff will be available at the school gate to meet your child as they arrive each morning.

Drop-Off / Collection Times:

Just a reminder, pupils can be dropped off from **8.45am – 9.05am** in the mornings. Supervision is not in place before this time so I would ask parents to assist us with this matter.

Parents are kindly reminded to respect the one-way traffic system which operates at the home collection times. **P3 pupils can be collected at 2.50pm.** Please allow for the Parents of P3 children to park closest to the school as these pupils will be exiting first, enabling a swift movement of traffic and preventing delays. Working together, we aim to ensure all pupils remain safe. We thank you for your co-operation.

Data Collection Forms:

It is essential that the school holds the most up-to date information about your child / children. Please ensure you provide a valid email as documentation will be emailed this year. Please complete and return the Data Collection Form enclosed.

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Food coming into School:

I would ask parents to please note; as we have a number of pupils with food-related allergies, please refrain from sending in items containing nuts or traces of nut. We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

Electronic Replies:

Under current guidelines, we are aiming to limit the transfer of items between home and school. Parental information and permission slips will be forwarded either through Seesaw or Forms, via a link through the text message system. I must ask you to acknowledge receipt of this information and to provide your consent, if appropriate, by completing the necessary reply slips. Your time on this is very much appreciated. We are currently updating many of our school policies to reflect the latest Covid-19 guidelines. These will be issued for your information in the coming weeks.

Holiday List:

The 2020 – 2021 School Holiday Calendar is attached also for your information. Please note, this is subject to change if necessary.

Once again, parent(s), the staff and I greatly appreciate your co-operation and support with all of these important matters. This enhances the smooth running of the school and helps us to meet all our statutory requirements.

As we begin a new school year in these unprecedented times, we look forward to a productive and enjoyable school year of learning and development, working closely with you all for the benefit of all the children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Orla Meenagh
PRINCIPAL