

Drumahoe Primary School

Parent Memorandum – 09.10.20

COVID-19 Guidelines Reminders

During these unprecedented times, Drumahoe Primary School wants to thank you for your understanding and full co-operation so far in helping us to minimise the spread of Covid19. To date we have **no positive cases in the school** which is credit to the pupils for adhering to the 'new normal' as well as to the teachers for implementing the guidelines stringently in school and to you, the parents for also working with us, especially in these current challenging circumstances re. the 'second surge' of the virus.

COVID-19 Guideline Reminders:

- If you are planning on accessing the school building, you **must** inform the school office 028-71302284 or email hglenn520@c2kni.net to ensure that your visit is essential. The office staff will agree a suitable time for you to visit the school site if necessary
- **Parents/Guardians/Carers dropping off & collecting children**

Unfortunately, the weather has been poor on occasions again this week and I would like to remind you that, in the case of inclement weather, the children still have to remain outside until their designated start time (P1 & P2 - 08:45; P3 & P4 – 09:00 & P5 –P7 – 09:15). Please make sure that the children have their coats on as all available staff are engaged in other areas taking temperatures and admitting other children into their 'Class Bubbles' which means we cannot allow 'early children' to enter the building unsupervised.

N.B. Where there are siblings, we would ask that they all arrive in the morning at the eldest child's later slot but are picked up at their own designated time in the afternoon. (P1 & P2 – 13:45; P3 – 14:15; P4 – 14:30 & P5 –P7 – 15:00).

We would also ask that parents:

- Wear a face covering;
- Avoid coming onto the site if **NOT ESSENTIAL**;
- Please **be punctual** for drop off & collection times for children to avoid cross contamination of 'Bubbles'.
- **Children and visitors are NOT to arrive to school before their designated arrival time!**
- It is important to encourage your child to socially distance on the school site;
- Please **DO NOT** allow any children to play on any fixed equipment on the school site before and after school. The Play Park is open and you are welcome to go there;
- **DO NOT** linger at entrance/exit points or when dropping/picking up children causing mass gatherings – maintain 2m+ social distancing;
- P1-P3 parents can come to the exit points for collection maintaining social distancing of 2m+ but P4-P7 will be brought to their pick-up points by the staff;
- Please **RESPECT** that teachers will be social distancing, please do not attempt to engage in conversation during drop off or collection. Communication can be made via a telephone call / email.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued co-operation with all of these vitally important measures.

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