

Darver National School

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Dear Parents,

I hope this correspondence finds you all well.

Here in Scoil Dairbhre myself, the teaching and ancillary staff are working hard to open our school safely on Friday August 28th 2020. This year our return to school will be different. We are conscious that there will be lots of information to digest and we suggest you keep all correspondence for reference to avoid confusion.

We are fortunate to have:

An upgraded school building

Spacious, well ventilated classrooms with high ceilings

Separate entrances and exits for each classroom

Allocated toilet facilities for each classroom

Lots of space outside to facilitate zoning

We have taken the following extra steps to ensure the safety of our school community:

The heating system has been adjusted to ensure there is hot water in all taps.

Appropriate signage will be placed in all areas

Furniture in all classrooms has been moved to ensure social distancing

Deep cleaning of all areas is being undertaken / Increased daily cleaning hours

New procedures regarding drop off and pick up of children have been drawn up

We have purchased a cleaning device "Dis Mist " for the sterilisation of equipment and furniture

Staff will undertake training which is to be provided by the DES

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We ask for your cooperation and support with the following New Procedures

Drop off and Pick up

School opening and closing times remain the same. 9.20am, 2.00pm (Infants), 3.00pm (1st - 6th).

All cars must be parked on the opposite side of the school / church, back bumper to kerb

This is to ensure the school gate is kept clear and safe for the children to cross. Please **DO NOT** park at the school or church gate at **ANY TIME**.

In accordance with current guidelines, parents will not be allowed to enter the school building or yard.

Parents of Junior and Senior Infants may accompany their children to their line at the ramp outside the main entrance until further notice. Older siblings must join their allocated line promptly each morning.

Playing will not be permitted in the school yard at drop off and pick up times.

At pick up times 2.00pm and 3.00pm, class teachers will accompany their students from their exit door to the school gate.

Entrances and Exits

Junior and Senior Infants will use our main door

1st/ 2nd class will use their external door at the tennis court.

3rd / 4th class will use the external door at the office window.

5th / 6th class will use their external door at the tennis court.

There will be markings on the ground to show children where to line up.

Class teachers will lead children inside each morning.

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School Requirements

Junior Infants - 2nd Class will be provided with all necessary school materials. (They do not need a pencil case in school) Pencil cases are for home use ONLY.

3rd - 6th Class will be required to have the following: book holder, red pens, blue/black pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, 30cm ruler. The school will provide individual pritt sticks, scissors and twistables. Pencil cases are for home use ONLY.

The school will provide each child (Junior Infants- 6th Class) with an individual storage container for their school materials.

Lunch Boxes / Drink Containers

As we try to minimise handling children's belongings, we ask that you ensure you child can open their lunch and drink containers independently.

Teachers will be unable to assist children in opening packets/fruits. Please bear this in mind when preparing lunches.

We recommend that lunch and drink containers be washed thoroughly each day.

School Uniforms

School uniforms need to be kept clean and washed regularly.

Children need to be able to put on and take off their school coats independently.

Shoe laces are not recommended unless children can tie them themselves.

Important

Please do not send your child to school if they display any COVID-19 related symptoms.

Should your child become unwell during school hours, their temperature will be taken and they will be placed in the isolation area. You will be contacted immediately.

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Contacting the school:

By phone (leave a message if phone is unattended)

By email

1st - 6th class: school journal

Note to teacher / principal

We are doing our very best to ensure the safety and well-being of our entire school community.

We are all in this together and with your continued support and understanding we will weather this storm.

With kind regards,

Bríd Kindlon and Staff