

# Scoil Dairbhre

## Darver National School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this email finds you all well. I would like to welcome you all back to the new school year 2021/2022. I am looking forward to meeting all of the children tomorrow and to meeting all of you, the parents, over the coming weeks.

For the most part our “Covid Response Plan” will remain the same as last year. There have been a few minor changes which I would like to draw your attention to:

- Symptoms (pages 1+2) have been updated, please familiarise yourselves with these.
- School timetable will remain the same as last year – see pages 6+7 for more details.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class will now use the wooden door (no.4) with the ramp beside the teacher’s carpark as their entry and exit point.
- Continuing on from last year, parents are asked not to enter to the school grounds at drop off and collection times (see page 7).
- We are asking all adults dropping off/collecting children to please wear a face mask if they exit their car – see page 7.
- Parents of Junior and Senior Infant children may accompany them to their line for the first few days. Junior Infant parents will not be permitted to enter the school building. Ms. McQuillan will be outside tomorrow morning (Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug) to meet you at the gate and to take a photo of you with your child on their first day of school if you wish.
- Junior Infants go home at 12.30pm for the first two weeks (31<sup>st</sup> Aug – 10<sup>th</sup> Sept).
- Forgotten items/lunches – if dropping off a forgotten item please knock on the window/external classroom door and leave the item on the windowsill/ground outside the door. Please do not interrupt the class teacher. If you need to speak to the class teacher please make an appointment through the school email or phone the school office (see page 7).

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- **Yard Zones:** there are now 4 yard zones. Each class will be designated a zone on a rotating basis. Zones will be marked and children will be made aware of where they are to play (see page 10).
- Please see page 8 for our procedures in dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19, specifically the following - in the event that a symptomatic pupil is sent home, the parent must contact the principal **before** that pupil returns to school. Please see the letter on page 13 (Appendix 3).
- Pupils returning home after travelling abroad: please refer to the following Public Health Advice - <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/75d92-covid-19-travel-advice/>
- Any messages for teachers can be sent to main school email address ([schdarver.ias@gmail.com](mailto:schdarver.ias@gmail.com)) or by phoning the school office on (042) 9379280. Teachers do not monitor their email addresses during the school day so messages may be missed if sent directly to teachers email addresses.
- Confirmation for last year's classes is 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11am and Communion is 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. Further information will be provided closer to the time.

As with last year, we are doing our very best to ensure the safety and well-being of the whole school community. We appreciate your continued support, co-operation and understanding as we all work through this difficult time.

If you have any queries in relation to our "Covid Response Plan" please contact me through the school office. If the office is unattended please leave a message and I will get back to you.

As you are aware this is my first year in Scoil Dairbhre and it marks an exciting change in my career. I hope you will all bear with me as I come to grips with my new role and learn the ropes. I will be out and about every day at drop off and collection times so please say hello and introduce yourself if you see me.

Mise le meas,

Emily Brennan