

**Scoil an Spioraid Naomh** Senior Primary, Laytown, County Meath, A92E273

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## Newsletter - 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

*Dear Parents and Guardians*

We are so pleased to report that all of our staff and pupils have safely come through our first full month of school. It has been a very busy period of education and adjustment for all of us – staff, children and parents. There were new protocols and routines to get used to and all of our procedures were under constant review, so that any amendments required were made in a timely manner. Our children have been wonderful and are adjusting well to all of the new school arrangements.

*We thank all of you for your co-operation and support of our protocols, which are there to help keep our children and our staff safe and healthy.*

### Safety and Visibility while commuting to School:

A reminder, as we head into the darker mornings, that children cycling and walking to school should wear appropriate high visibility bands or reflective clothing and have lights and reflectors on their bicycles and scooters.

All bicycles or scooters should be locked while on school property. We take no responsibility for such items being lost, damaged or stolen.

*Please also note that the school has received reports of anti-social behaviour on the beach area in the mornings. We are a primary school - please do not allow your child to travel to school via the beach area, for their own safety.*

### Road safety:

The level of daily traffic passing our school has increased dramatically over the past few years. There are also on-going building works near the school for the new spine road. We would ask parents and guardians – particularly on wet days – to be mindful of your speed and your surroundings as you approach and leave the school area. Last year, we had incidences of unsafe driving that had to be reported to Gardai.

### Mid-term Break:

School closes on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3pm and re-opens on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at usual school times.

## School Fees:

Thank you to all parents and guardians who have paid school fees. Email receipts will issue next week. Any outstanding school fees should be paid without delay.

## Dropping off and collecting children: A reminder to Parents of the protocols:

- There is NO ACCESS to the school building for parents or visitors, unless an appointment has been made in advance with the Secretary's Office.
- There is NO COLLECTION of children permitted within the last half hour of school.

## DROP AND GO:

- Please do not congregate at the wall of the school in the morning or evening times.
- Please respect a 2m distance between family groups and wear a mask if you are near the school wall or conversing with any staff member.

## COLLECTING CHILDREN from school:

- If your child is unwell – the Secretary's Office will call you.
- When you arrive at the school to collect your child, please phone the school - from the school wall - and the Secretary will bring out the Sign Out Form.
- Your child will exit the school by their designated door.

## If you child has a medical appointment and must be collected early from school:

- Please inform the teacher in writing in advance.
- Please call the school when you arrive at the school wall.
- The secretary will bring out the Sign Out Form.
- Your child will exit the school by their designated door.

## Work Placements and TY placements:

Our school has traditionally tried to accommodate placements for students where possible. However, given the on-going pandemic, the space constraints within our school and compliance with health guidelines, we will not be accommodating any placements for the foreseeable future.

By working together, supporting each other, and following the health guidelines, we can all stay safe and keep our school open.

I wish you and your family a safe and happy mid-term break.

Ms Blaithin Maguire

Principal

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