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**The best way to prevent the spread of Covid 19 in a school is to minimise the risk of introduction of the disease into the school setting in the first place.” (Covid Response Plan, p.7)**

*This is a working document. It will be reviewed regularly and measures will remain in place only as long as necessary. It is likely that aspects may change as the situation evolves.*

Information for pupils and families is available at  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>

**Foreign Travel**



Families must respect government guidelines in relation to foreign travel.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/75d92-covid-19-travel-advice/>

**Illness**



**We will depend on every family's cooperation in keeping pupils with any symptoms of Covid 19 at home.**

- High temperature
- Breathing difficulty
- A new cough
- Sudden loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Aches and Pains

Other uncommon symptoms include:

Sore throat  
 Headaches  
 Runny or stuffy noses  
 Feeling sick or vomiting  
 Diarrhoea

Public Health guidance is subject to change and up to date information can be found at

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>

If a child displays symptoms at school, he/she



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|  | <p>will be brought to the isolation area and a parent will be contacted to collect the pupil immediately. In the case of a positive Covid test, the HSE will contact all relevant parents and staff who have come into close contact. The school has no role in contact tracing or informing those who may have come in contact with a pupil or staff member who tests positive.</p> |
| <p><b>Staggered Start/Finish Times</b></p>  | <p>As last year.</p> <p>Start Time: 8:50 – 9:10</p> <p>Please see Finish Times below.</p>  |
| <p><b>Access to School</b></p>            | <p>The school is an <b>active building site</b> and with Covid 19 restrictions there is no access other than by appointment.</p> <p>Access to the school building is limited to staff, pupils and pre-approved essential visitors only.</p>  |
| <p><b>Access to Schoolyard</b></p>        | <p>There is an entry gate and an exit gate. <b><u>Pupils should be accompanied by 1 adult only. All adults must wear a mask.</u></b> Please leave once the door is opened, respect 2m distancing on site and <b><u>leave the school yard promptly.</u></b></p>   |
| <p><b>Early Collections</b></p>           | <p>Early collections can only be facilitated for <u>essential appointments and emergency situations</u>. Contact the school by phone in advance of collecting a child.</p>   |
| <p><b>Communicating with Teachers</b></p>  | <p>It will not be possible to speak to teachers informally before/after school as in previous years.</p> <p>A phone call can be arranged through</p>   |



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|    | <p><a href="mailto:office@stpatricksjns.ie">office@stpatricksjns.ie</a>.</p>  |
| <p><b>Items coming in and out of school</b></p>  | <p>Pupils need only bring a water bottle to school. Lunches are provided by the school. Pupils bring home their lunch bag in their school bags. A small bottle of sanitiser is recommended from first class upwards.</p> <p>All <u>stationery</u> will be provided by the school for each individual child.</p> |
| <p><b>PPE</b></p>                              | <p>All staff are now recommended to wear PPE (facemask/visor) where a distance of 2m cannot be maintained from other.</p>   |



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**Finish Times:**

| Class                         | Collection Time   |
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| Junior Infants                | Collection times vary for Junior Infants for the first month of school to help settle the children into school. |
| Room 1 1:30pm                 |   |
| Room 2 1:40pm                 |   |
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| Senior Infants                |   |
| Room 7                        | 1.40pm  |
| Room 6                        | 1.30pm  |
| Room 8                        | 1.30pm  |
|                               |   |
| First Class                   |   |
| Room 10                       | 2.30pm  |
| Room 12                       | 2.40pm  |
| Room 11                       | 2.40pm  |
|                               |   |
| Second Class                  |   |
| Room 9                        | 2.30pm  |
| Prefab (Mrs Kane & Gallagher) | 2.30pm  |
| Prefab (Ms O'Connor)          | 2.40pm  |

Note: for First and Second Classes only

- Siblings from the Senior School can collect younger brothers and sisters in first and second class at **2.20pm.**