



25th February 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well and that your children have all enjoyed their mid-term break.

As you know, the government has relaxed measures introduced in schools in response to COVID. We received details on the relaxation of measures from the Department of Education on 23rd February.

Face Coverings:

From Monday, 28th February, there is no longer a requirement for staff, children or parents to wear a face covering or a mask on the school premises. Of course, staff, children and parents can continue to wear a face covering or mask if they wish to do so.

For the week beginning 28th February:

- **arrangements for the arrival of children in the morning will be the same as before the mid-term break**
- **arrangements for home-time will be the same as before the mid-term break**

We ask that parents do not come into the school yards in the mornings before school.

We also ask that the parents of children in 4th, 5th and 6th classes do not come into the school yards at home-time.

You will receive further information early next week on the arrangements for the arrival and dismissal of pupils from Monday, 7th March.

Pods / Bubbles:

There is no longer a requirement for children to be in pods or bubbles. However, the plan for Antigen Testing will continue to be supported by the HSE. As pods will no longer be in place, I will inform the parents of all children in a class if I am notified of a confirmed case of COVID in the class.

Breaks:

We will work this week on a new supervision rota which will allow all classes to take breaks at the same time. We hope to have this in place for the week beginning 7th March.

We know that some parents and some children will feel anxious regarding the relaxation of measures in schools. We assure you that we will continue with very good ventilation, cleaning and hand hygiene practices to keep our school environment as healthy a place as possible for everyone in the school community. **We ask you to keep your child at home if he / she is unwell / displaying any COVID symptoms.** If your child becomes unwell during the school day, we will contact you to collect your child. It is very important that we can reach you so please let us know if you need to update your mobile phone number.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday, 28th February. The Board of Management thanks you for your co-operation and your children's co-operation with all of the measures we have had in place since September 2020. I wish your children a happy and healthy return to school on Monday, 28th February.

Kind regards,

Ann Murphy

Principal