



12th March 2021

Good Morning All,

- **Reminder: all 3rd – 6th class pupils' boxes must be returned to the school by 2pm today.** Boxes not returned cannot go directly to classes when school reopens on 18th March. Late boxes will be quarantined for a period in our school hall.
- **A new requirements for parents / guardians is that you should complete the HSE's "Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form" when your child is returning to school after any absence / school closure (except weekends).** The Declaration Form is available to fill out in the Attendance Notes section on your Aladdin Connect homepage after 3pm on the day before your child is returning to school. **Accordingly, parents of all returning pupils, infants – 6th class, will need to complete this after 3pm next Wednesday 17th March.** The form will be indicated with a red notification dot on your Aladdin Attendance Notes Tab.
- **For returning 3rd – 6th class pupils:** all our safety systems as successfully used for term 1 are still in operation. The yard is supervised from 8.40am. Returning 3rd – 6th class pupils should again line-up in the mornings (if onsite from 8.40am) in their marked class lines. Your child will not be considered "late" however, unless they arrive to school after 9am.
- **Staggered home times will be the same as in term 1:**
 - Junior Infants: 1.15pm
 - Senior Infants: 1.30pm
 - 1st & 2nd Classes: 2.10pm
 - 3rd & 4th Classes: 2.20pm
 - 5th & 6th Classes: 2.30pm
- Although not required at primary school level, **all pupils from infants – 6th class can wear a mask / face covering in school if they wish** and teachers will support this.
- **The Department of Education asks that parents do not congregate at school gates or inside school grounds.** Therefore, our parent "waiting-zones" are not in-use at this time. In the mornings if bringing your child to school, please just "drop and go" for everybody's safety.
- **Our school's COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable operation of Primary and Special Schools** detailing the COVID-19 safety systems in operation in the school is available to view on our website www.stfintansns.ie
- As we prepare to reopen the school for all pupils (infants – 6th class) on March 18th, here are links to some short **Department of Education videos which will help with the smooth return to school** for all:

[Back to School Advice for Junior Infants to Second Class - YouTube](#)

[Back to School Advice – Third Class – Sixth Class \(English\) - YouTube](#)

[COVID-19 Back to School Advice for Parents - YouTube](#)

- Finally, we are very much looking forward to the reopening of our school for all pupils next week. **Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh go léir! Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!**