



# St. Thomas' Senior National School

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Dear Parent / Guardian

We hope you are all keeping well. We are getting excited about being back in school in two weeks' time and we have been working to ensure a safe return to school for all pupils and staff.

In order to ensure the safety of everybody the Board requests that you do not come onto the school grounds in the morning or afternoon unless absolutely essential. Exceptions may be made for children with special educational needs. We ask that you just drop your children to the school at the correct time and leave immediately.

If you absolutely must come on to school grounds it is really important you follow the social distancing guidelines and

- stay 2m away from each other if on the school grounds.
- do not try to have meetings with members of staff in the playground – meetings between parents and teachers can only take place by appointment only. These appointments may take place by phone or online.

This year we have to change how we return school. Firstly, all children will not be returning on the same day. This staggered return to school for children helps with the return of pupils in as safe a way as possible.

Each standard will attend school on it' first day from 10.00-12.00 with different standards returning on different days rather than all children returning together on the same day. It will also give an opportunity for children to know where they are going and how to get there in a safe way. All the new procedures will be explained to them on their first day back. Teachers and SNAs will be in the yard before and after school. Children should only come to school at the correct time and should not be on the school grounds before that time. They must leave the school grounds immediately after school and are not allowed to wait for friends or collect form Junior School.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	8.50-2.30	8.50-2.30	8.50-2.30	8.50-2.30
5 <sup>th</sup>		10.00-12.00	9.00-2.40	9.00-2.40	9.00-2.40
4 <sup>th</sup>			10.00-12.00	8.50-2.30	8.50-2.30
3 <sup>rd</sup>				10.00-12.00	9.00-2.40

We ask that you also become familiar with the new opening times On a full day the school day for children in 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be from 8.50-2.30 and will be 9.00-2.40 for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be in touch next week.

Kind Regards,

Mary Dalton Chairperson

Eithne O Shea (Principal)