



# *St. Thomas' Senior National School*

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### St Thomas' S.N.S Newsletter Wk 30th

#### **Hello**

My name is John Rennick and I have the privilege of being appointed to the position of Principal of St Thomas's S.N.S. I am originally from Galway but have been working in the Tallaght area for the past fourteen years. Until recently, I was Deputy Principal in St Aidan's S.N.S, Brookfield. I have already had the pleasure of meeting some of the students through the July camps and can't wait to get to know you all in the coming weeks. I would like to thank those who have welcomed me so warmly, particularly Ms O'Shea who has been so kind and generous over the summer months.

I aim to ensure that all pupils who attend St Thomas' S.N.S feel safe coming to school and are given every opportunity to learn and succeed. The professionalism and care of the teachers will facilitate this so that we can all continue the success of the school to date. It is very important that we are all on the same page so please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

#### **School reopening**

School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 31st August.

Group 1- 4th & 6th classes  
Group 2- 3rd & 5th classes

The pupils will return to school on the following days and times:

- Tuesday: Group 1- 9.50- 11.50/ Group 2- 10.00- 12.00 \* 3rd class pupils are to come in at 10.30 on this day.
- Wednesday: Group 1- 8.50- 11.50/ Group 2 - 9.00- 12.00
- Thursday :Full day Group 1- 8.50-2.30/ Group 2- 9.00-2.40
- Friday: Full day Group 1- 8.50-2.30/ Group 2- 9.00-2.40

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 <sup>th</sup>		9.50-11.50	8.50-11.50	8.50-2.30	8.50-2.30
5 <sup>th</sup>		10.00-12.00	9.00-12.00	9.00-2.40	9.00-2.40
4 <sup>th</sup>		9.50-11.50	8.50- 11.50	8.50-2.30	8.50-2.30
3 <sup>rd</sup>		10.30-11.50	9.00-12.00	9.00- 2.40	9.00-2.40

It is very important that children should not arrive on the school grounds before their starting time. They will line up in the yard on arrival at their designated place and will be collected by their teachers. Staff members will be on the yard to help out. Please be assured that there will be plenty of staff on the school grounds in the mornings to help children get to their classrooms and become familiar with the new procedures. On wet days pupils will go straight into their classroom at the correct time.



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### **Covid update**

On the advice of the Department of Education there will be the continuation of bubbles and pods when we reopen on Tuesday. Our Covid response plan will continue to apply as will the protocols around parents coming to the school, mask wearing etc. Please see the school website for further information and links which have been sent by Mairead.

It is very important that we continue to receive your cooperation on this as we are nearly there. The most important thing is that everyone is kept safe.

### **Book rental**

Book rental will be 75.00 euro for next year which is great value. The children will be given their book rental bill when they return to school and this will include details on how you can pay.

### **Thank you**

I would like to thank all the staff community for their kind welcome over the last week. It was lovely to get to know the teachers and staff but I also had an opportunity to meet some of the pupils over the summer. I look forward to meeting everyone of them in the coming weeks.