



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



6th September 2022

Thank You

I would like to thank you all on behalf of the school community- for all your cooperation and support in ensuring the return to school has been smooth and stress free. It was a pleasure to meet all the pupils during the week, particularly our wonderful new third classes. Their manners and respect for each other, the staff and school itself is a credit to you all. All staff received a warm welcome from all the pupils and are delighted with the return so far.

Tragic Event

On Sunday morning we learned of the tragic events that took place in the Brookfield community. St Thomas' SNS is shocked and deeply saddened by these events and our thoughts are with the family and those most affected at this time. As a community and school we will continue to make sure our pupils are the priority as the whole Tallaght community deals with this awful tragedy. Privacy and sensitivity at this time for the family and friends involved is the most important thing as they begin to address this unprecedented and unimaginable incident.

Attendance/Punctuality

There will be an attendance challenge for the whole school in the coming weeks. As we did last year each pupil will receive one raffle ticket if they are in school, **plus a bonus ticket for being in on time**. They will be given an envelope for holding their own tickets and on Friday, five tickets will be pulled from for a prize. There will be five prizes per class so if you're not in you can't win!! There will be more information in the coming weeks.

3rd Class Meeting

This will take place in the school hall at 9.15am this Friday morning. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to learn about the new school, what subjects their children will be doing, what activities take place and to ask any questions. Tea and coffee will be available so please come along.

Entry/Exit Times

Please ensure that pupils are not on school grounds before the official opening time of school at 8.50am as the Board of Management does not accept responsibility for pupils at these times. All pupils will be walked to their exit gate by their teachers. This is to ensure that your children stay with their class from the time they come to school until the time they go home. Parents who wish to have their children collected from the back gate can send in a note to the class teacher. This is particularly relevant for 6th classes as they exit via the front small gate. Also please send in a note if your child is allowed to walk home by themselves as the school cannot be responsible for looking after children after the official closing time.

Book Rental

Thank you to those who have paid all/some of the €25.00 for the books. If you have not yet paid we would appreciate if you could do so.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition it is very important that we are aware of this. If your child needs to take any medication in school please let us know as you will need to fill in a form.

Contact Details

It is more important now than ever that we have a working number at which you can be contacted. If you have a new number please contact Mairead, the school secretary on 01 4526555

Contacting the school

You can contact your child's teacher by sending in a note or ringing the secretary Mairead on 4526555. You can also email info@stthomas.ie and we will get back to you.

HSCL

Julie McKenna is our Home School Liaison Community Coordinator and will be linking in with you this year.

Advice from HSE

When to keep your child at home and phone your GP If your child has:

- A. A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- B. Any other common symptoms of coronavirus such as a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath
- C. Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid19
- D. Been living with someone who is unwell and may have Covid19

You will need to:

- A. Isolate your child. This means keeping them at home and completely avoiding contact with other people, as much as possible. Your child should only leave your home to have a test or to see your GP
- B. Phone your GP. They will advise you if your child needs a Covid19 Test
- C. Everyone that your child lives with should also restrict their movements, at least until your child gets a diagnosis from their GP or a Covid19 test result. This means not going to school, childcare or work.
- D. Treat your child at home for their symptoms.

Illness

If your child is not feeling well do not send them to school. If your child is unwell while at school we will contact you to collect your child.

THANK YOU

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff in the school. Your children are very lucky to have such brilliant, caring and hard working people looking after them. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school.