

Dear Parents/Guardians.

We hope that you and your family are well.

Scoil Padre Pio will reopen for all children on Monday the 31st of August 2020.

The successful reopening of our school will rely on everybody taking responsibility and following the guidelines to make sure that everyone in our school is safe. We appreciate your help and cooperation during these difficult times. Please read the information below carefully.

DROP OFF & COLLECTION TIMES:

Síolta: Children can be dropped to the door of their prefab and collected from the door by a parent or escort. Teachers will be in contact with Síolta parents regarding specific times and with taxi information.

Early Start:

- **Morning Group:** Children to be dropped off at 9.15am and collected at 11.40am.
- **Afternoon Group:** Children to be dropped off at 12.10pm and collected at 2.20pm
- One parent only can accompany their child to the classroom at 9.15am. Parents cannot enter the building before this time.
- **Parent must wear a face mask**
- At collection time the teacher will bring the children outside and your child will walk to you. Parents must wait in the yard and keep a safe distance from each other

Junior Infants:

- For the first two weeks children to be dropped off at 10am and collected at 12pm. From Week 3 onwards the times are 8.50am-1.30pm.
- On the first day, one parent only can accompany their child in to the classroom
- From day two onwards one parent can bring their child to the door of the classroom
- **Parent must wear a face mask**
- At collection time the teacher will bring the children outside and your child will walk to you. Parents must wait in the yard and keep a safe distance from each other

Senior Infants:

- Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
- Parents can drop children to the door of the Senior Infant prefabs in the main school yard
- Children can be collected at 1.30pm. Please wait on the main yard and your child will walk to you.
- Please keep a safe distance from other parents while waiting in the yard

First Class (Mr. O' Neill/Ms. Stevenson):

- Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
- Children can be dropped off at the Lift entrance on Day 1 (this is the white part of the building above the main yard and prefabs). From Day 2 onwards children must walk themselves in from the gate.

- Children can be collected at 2.30pm at the Lift entrance. The teacher will bring the children out side. Please wait in the yard and your child will walk to you.
- Please keep a safe distance from other parents while waiting in the yard

Second Class 1 (Ms. Murphy):

- Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
- Children can be dropped off at the Lift entrance on Day 1 (this is the white part of the building above the main yard and prefabs). From Day 2 onwards children must walk themselves in from the gate.
- Children can be collected at 2.30pm at the Lift entrance. The teacher will bring the children out side. Please wait in the yard and your child will walk to you.
- Please keep a safe distance from other parents while waiting in the yard

Second Class 2 (Mr. Bell):

- Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
- Children can be dropped off at the entrance by the blue school hall on Day 1 (this is the door between the old yellow building and the school hall at the top of the wheelchair ramp). From Day 2 onwards children must walk themselves in from the gate.
- Children can be collected at 2.30pm from the same entrance. The teacher will bring the children out side. Please wait in the yard and your child will walk to you.
- Please keep a safe distance from other parents while waiting in the yard

Third Class (Mr. Clancy/Mr. O' Donovan):

- Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
- They must enter the school through the Churchfield Hill gate and walk to the large prefab there.
- At 2.30pm the children will walk out the Churchfield Hill gate, please collect your child on the Hill as parents are not allowed past the gate.

Fourth Class (Mr. O' Connor/Mr. Doolan):

- Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
- Children must enter the school through the main entrance (on Churchfield Terrace/by the Secretaries Office). Parents must leave children at the gate on Churchfield Terrace
- At 2.30pm the children will leave using this exit also and can be collected on Churchfield Terrace. Parents are asked to stay outside the gate and to keep their distance from each other.

Fifth & Sixth Class (Ms. Leo/Mr. W. Casey/Ms. Whelton/Mr. D. Casey):

- Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
- Children must enter school by the entrance by the blue school hall, at the top of the wheelchair ramp.
- Children will leave at 2.30pm via the same exit and walk out through the main yard. If you are collecting your child, please wait on the main yard and keep your distance from other parents

What Should Your Child Bring to School?

Stationery

- Your child can bring their own pencil case containing the usual supplies (pencils, rubber, ruler, colours etc.) This can stay in school for September as there will be no homework for the first month of school
- There is no need to bring copies/paper etc.
- **Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name**

Uniforms/Tracksuits

- Children can wear their tracksuits on Monday/Wednesday/Friday and wear their uniforms on Tuesday/Thursday.
- **Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name**

Lunches

- Children must bring their own lunch for the first week of school. Parents can then order their school lunches which will be provided from Week 2 onwards.
- Children must bring their own drink to school in a bottle which is labelled with their name

Covid-19 Regulations and Your Child:

At Scoil Padre Pio we will follow the governments Public Health guidelines and the Dept. of Education's guidance on reopening schools (<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a0bff-reopening-our-primary-and-special-schools/>). In accordance with these guidelines the following measures will be in place;

- Children will sanitise their hands on arrival at school, before eating, after using the toilet, after yard times etc.
- Our classrooms have been set up to ensure physical distance
- Children from Junior Infants to Second class are not expected to social distance within the classroom and as such will be able to play with all members of their class.
- Classes from 3rd-6th will be considered separate 'bubbles' and will be kept apart at break times
- Yard times will be staggered to ensure that 'bubbles' don't mix

More information is available in our Covid-19 Response Plan and Policy (<http://scoilpadrepio.com/Covid19.html>)

Face Coverings:

- It is **not** recommended that children wear face coverings in school
- Teachers will be wearing either face masks or face visors in the classroom and while moving around the school grounds.
- Any parents who are entering the school building **must wear a facemask**
- It is recommended that parents wear face coverings when gathering in the yard to collect children.

What if I need to speak to a Teacher?

- Meeting a teacher will be strictly by appointment only

- An appointment must be made, by phone, through the school secretary
- If you make an appointment to meet a staff member you must wear a face covering and complete the school's contact tracing paperwork when entering the building.

What if my child feels sick in the morning?

- Please keep your child at home if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19

Please check the HSE website for the symptoms of Covid-19

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/symptoms.html>

- If your child is in school and displays Covid symptoms you will be contacted immediately and we will follow the HSE isolation guidelines <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/59843-dealing-with-a-suspected-case-of-covid-19/>

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding during this difficult period for everybody. Our main objective is to keep our school open for as long as we can and we can only do this by keeping everybody safe and well. If we all follow the guidelines that are in place this should help us to achieve our goal.