August 19th 2020

**Important Notice Re: Re-opening of our school on Monday 31st August 2020**

Greetings to all our parents and children. We are so looking forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 31st August 2020. We have missed teaching the children and seeing them every day. Our goal is to re-open the school and for school to remain open so that children can come and learn together every day. We need your full co-operation to achieve this. We will be communicating with you via email, phone calls and text messages. Please ensure that the office has all your up to date contact details. Please note that the children are supervised from 8.50am to 2.40pm each school day. We cannot accept responsibility for children arriving before the official opening of school or remaining after school.

We ask parents to refrain from accompanying their child into the school yard or classroom where possible for health and safety reasons. If you wish to speak with the teacher, please call the school or email the teacher directly. Email addresses will be allocated in September and you will be notified.

* Junior and Senior Infants will enter and exit the school via the emergency door directly into the Junior classroom- following the yellow route.
* 1st and 2nd classes will enter and exit the school via the entrance at the front of the building into the halla-following the red route
* 3rd and 4thclasses will enter and exit via the emergency door at the back of the school into Ms Mollen’s classroom- following the green route
* 5th and 6th classes will enter and exit via the emergency door into the senior classroom- following the blue route.

Junior Infants will finish at 12pm until September 11th. Parents of Junior Infants children are welcome to accompany their children to the classroom for the first morning.

The Health and Safety of our children and staff is paramount and the school has been thoroughly cleaned during the summer. We have installed sanitising stations at the school gate, at each

entrance and in each classroom. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands

throughout the day and the classrooms and toilets will be sanitised each evening.

Children/staff who have travelled from countries NOT on the Green List countries

should NOT attend school during the 14-day self-isolation period.

We ask that you do not send your child to school if they are sick or displaying any Covid

19 symptoms. Please inform school of any illnesses promptly.

All staff temperatures are taken daily and we ask that you take your child’s temperature before school each morning. If your child becomes sick during school, we will take them to sick bay/isolation room and call you immediately.

Further information on COVID-19 symptoms in children is available at:

https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html

Junior Infants to 2nd Class are not obliged to social distance while at school and 3rd to

6th Class pupils will work 1 metre apart. Each class will be referred to as a “bubble” and

we will ensure that there is as little contact as possible between children in different

bubbles. Within the bubbles, children may work in “pods”. A pod is a group of children

who may sit together and who will stay in their pod while in the bubble/classroom.

We assure you that we will do our very best to ensure the safety of all in Rashina NS.

Can I please just repeat some very important precautions that we must take to achieve

this:

* Respect Social Distancing
* Teach your child good cough and sneeze etiquette
* Take your child’s temperature each morning before school
* Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently and use hand sanitiser
* Do NOT send your child to school if they are sick
* Drop your child at the appropriate gate and collect them from there also
* Please do NOT enter the school building unless you feel it is totally necessary.
* Please contact the school via email or phone. Please ensure your details are correct and up to date or you may miss important information.
* If your child becomes sick at school, we expect you to collect them in a prompt

manner

* Please do NOT congregate at the school gates – DROP and GO

All these measures are necessary to ensure everybody’s safety and well-being. More details will be available later this week following a Board of Management meeting.

If you wish to contact the school, please call 090 6454336 or 087-2670382.

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Patricia Hennessy (Principal)