

Dear parents,

Just a little update before we begin your journey in St. Lachtain's NS. As stated in my last email, children come into school at their allocated times on Monday 31st August, Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September. From Thursday 3rd September onwards the drop-off is 9:10-9:30 and collection is 12:15pm sharp.

- Drop off (9:10-9:30)

Parents can guide their child(ren) to the snake (playground marking) in front of the junior Infant classroom for the first couple of weeks. Once a routine is established, to encourage independence your child can walk directly into their classroom on their own from the gate.

- Collection (2pm)

The class will be lead to the gates in front of the New Pre-school building and must be collected promptly at 2pm unless using the bus facilities. Due to Covid 19, there is not an option to stay in the junior classes between 2-3 o' clock.

- Lunch boxes & lunch bags

Choose lunchboxes, bottles and pencil cases that are easy to clean, as they will need to be cleaned frequently.

Make sure that younger child can open and close their lunchbox, the contents of the lunchbox,

On the first day of Junior infant children can bring their books, school pencil case and school bags however from then on only their lunch bag/box and bottle should be brought to school.

- Healthy lunches

For the safety of the staff, children are not allowed yogurts, frubes and any other items of food/drinks they cannot open themselves! As part of the Green schools policy all children must take home their wrappings and rubbish. On Friday, a small treat is allowed. Please ensure your child can open their treat/sweeties.

- Uniforms

Make sure that your child can open and close their coat, and their shoes independently. Shoes with 'velcro' fastenings are preferable for the younger children.

If at all possible encourage your child to remove their uniform and shoes when they get home from school every day. Dettol spray at the end of the day might help to sanitize if you are concerned about bringing germs home.

- Homework

Homework will not be given for the month of September. So take this opportunity to read a story to your child, sing/say a nursery rhyme, colour/draw

- **Money**

Payment to school for art & craft, book rental etc will be made online in the coming weeks.

- **COVID 19 Symptoms**

Again, and I know everyone knows the symptoms by now! But just a little reminder if your child has any of these, stay at home and contact your GP.

Symptoms of COVID-19



➔ High temperature ➔ Cough

➔ Loss of smell or
taste, or distortion
of taste

➔ Shortness of
breath or
breathing
difficulties

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- **Hand Hygiene**

Hand Hygiene is going to be so important this year. Please encourage your child to wash their hand regularly at home.

Hand Hygiene



“Hand hygiene can be achieved by hand washing or use of a hand sanitizer”

- On arrival at school
- Before eating or drinking
- After using the toilet
- After a cough or sneeze
- After playing outdoors
- When hands are physically dirty

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Lunchboxes for young children

Avoid



Pouches
or cartons
of juice

Large bags
of popcorn



Frubes
or large
yoghurts

Nuts or
nut butter



Crisps,
chocolate
or sweets

Include



Reusable
bottle of
water



Chopped up
vegetables

Cubes of
cheese



Rolls, wraps,
sandwiches,
crackers

Peeled fruit,
halved grapes,
berries etc.



Dried fruit

