



## **Scoil Nano Nagle**

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Dear Parents,

I hope this mail finds you well.

This is my final detailed letter to you before we re-open. My last three update letters (and this one) are up on the school website. These cover many issues. It is a very busy time in school right now. Please consult these letters for information as I cannot guarantee that we will be able to reply to individual parent queries in the next few days.

### **Teachers (and Line-Up):**

- Early Start 1 (Ms. McLoughlin) - Room 1 and Line 1
- Early Start 2 - (Ms. Banscherus) - Room 2 and Line 2
  
- Junior Infants: Ms. Mulhern - Room 3 and Line 3
- Junior Infants: Ms. Watts: Room 4 and Line 4
- Junior Infants: Ms. Rogers - Room 5 and Line 5
- Junior Infants: Ms. Howard - Room 6 and Line 6
  
- Senior Infants: Ms. Fassnidge - Room 10 and Line 10 (*last year's teacher was Ms. Mulhern*)
- Senior Infants: Ms. Troy/Finan - Room 11 and Room 11 (*last year's teacher was Ms. Ahern*)
- Senior Infants: Ms. McDevitt - Room 12 and Line 12 (*last year's teacher was Ms. McDevitt*)
- Senior Infants: Ms. Johnston - Room 13 and Room 13 (*last year's teacher was Ms. McGuinness*)
  
- 1st Class: Ms. Allman - Room 18 and Line 18 (*last year's teacher was Ms. Mullan*)
- 1st Class: Ms. Flannelly - Room 19 & Line 19 (*last year's teacher was Ms. MacWilliams*)
- 1st Class: Ms. Gaffney - Room 20 & Line 20 (*last year's teacher was Ms. Fassnidge*)
- 1st Class: Ms. Ahern - Room 21 & Line 21 (*last year's teacher was Ms. Troy/Finan*)

- 2nd Class: Mr. Duignan - Room 14 & Line 14 *(last year's teacher was Ms. Johnston)*
- 2nd Class: Ms. Kenny - Room 15 & Line 15 *(last year's teacher was Ms. Allman)*
- 2nd Class: Ms. Finn - Room 16 & Line 16 *(last year's teacher was Ms. Finn)*
- 2nd Class: Sr. Una - Room 17 & Line 17 *(last year's teacher was Ms. Gaffney)*

### **Home Times:**

The usual home times apply for all classes:

Junior Infants - 1.40 p.m. (from 21st September)

Senior Infants - 1.40 p.m.

1st Class - 2.40 p.m.

2nd Class - 2.40 p.m.

### **School Bags:**

We have decided that children do not need to bring a school bag with them to school each day. They will not need to bring anything in from home and we will not be sending anything home from school. This will last for September and then we will review the decision. This should make life a little easier at home in the morning and it will save the children from carrying heavy bags.

### **Early Start Pre-school:**

For the first week, Early Start runs from 9.15 - 10.15 a.m. (morning group) and 12.15 - 1.15 p.m. (afternoon group).

### **Drop Offs & Collections:**

At Nano Nagle, we have decided to continue to allow our parents come in the school gates and drop their children in the yard each morning. This can only continue if parents then leave once their children are safely left to the line. Children will be taken in promptly. There will be extra teachers patrolling the yard just before 9.00 a.m. to supervise the children. Please be reassured by this. If it is raining, the children will be taken inside immediately. Please exercise social distancing in the yard and do not delay. Our lines have been really spread out so be assured that the children are well-apart from each other.

### **Face Masks & Sanitizer:**

The advice from the Department of Education to me remains unchanged - junior school children do not need to wear face masks. They also say that there is no need for young children to bring their own supply of hand sanitizer. The school have lots of it and the children can access it as often as needed. Please remind your child that sometimes their teacher might wear a mask when they are close to the pupils. This will take time for us all to get used to. If the advice about masks and sanitizer changes between now and next week, I will pass this on to you.

### **Sickness:**

The HSE have issued medical advice to parents about when children can and cannot be sent to school - I am attaching it to this message for you all.

### **E-payments:**

If you have lost your e-payments link, please mail the school [nanonagleinfo2@gmail.com](mailto:nanonagleinfo2@gmail.com) and we will try our best to respond to you over the coming days.

### **Contact Details:**

If you have changed phone number recently, please let us know. Just mail us [nanonagleinfo2@gmail.com](mailto:nanonagleinfo2@gmail.com) and we will update our database. If we don't have your number, we will not be able to contact you in an emergency.

### **Early Collections:**

Parents who need to collect their child early should come to the main door and use the intercom. A staff member will collect the child and bring him/her to the door for the parent. *The school office cannot safely accommodate early collections from 1.20 p.m. until 1.40 p.m. and again from 2.20 p.m. until 2.40 p.m.* Unexpected visitors will not be allowed into the school building under any circumstances. We understand that it will be tough for parents of

our new junior infant and Early Start parents that they cannot enter the building but it is for the safety of all.

We are aiming for a gentle return to school work for the children. There will be lots of lessons about hygiene/hand washing/coughing. We will be patient and will take account of the last five months away from school. The Department have issued some general advice to parents about the return to school and I am also attaching it for you to read. You might also like to view an information video they have released - use the link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/>

In the last few months, there has been a lot of speculation and rumour about schools re-opening in Ireland. Please be assured that if our situation changes, or if we need to alter our plans, parents will be informed by me directly. I will always use our school website, school e-mail address or our text service to do so. Please remember that our school website [www.scoilnanonagle.com](http://www.scoilnanonagle.com) is a great resource for families and has lots of helpful information. All of my letters this summer are on the homepage, at the very top of the page.

I look forward to seeing you all, especially the children, next Monday morning at 9.00 a.m.

Mr. Burke.