



Roan St Patrick's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

The staff of Roan St Patrick's look forward to seeing everyone next week as we move towards the resumption of school life. I have included a reminder of some important details below as well as some important updated information (e.g. lunch boxes / homework / skin conditions).

REMINDER: School return dates – Week Beginning 24th August (packed lunches required for all children – NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS ON DATES BELOW):

- Primary 7: Children will return full-time from Monday 24th August.
- Primary 5/6: Children will have their induction day on Wednesday 26th August and return to school full-time on Friday 28th August (off Thurs 27th).
- Primary 4: Children will have their induction day on Wednesday 26th August and return to school full-time on Friday 28th August (off Thurs 27th).
- Primary 2-3: Children will have their induction day on Thursday 27th August and return to school full-time on Friday 28th August. (Normal hours – P2 finish at 2pm – P3 finish at 3pm **but 2pm on a Friday**).
- Primary 1: Children will have their induction day on Thursday 27th August and begin school full-time on Friday 28th August. (Children in Primary 1 will go home at 12.15pm until the end of September – 1.50pm thereafter).

The school will be closed on Monday 31st August with Term 1 officially beginning on Tuesday 1st September. An updated holiday list will be issued soon and pinged out via the school app.

School drop-off arrangements:

Drop-off and pick-up will now take place from our new school car park. The car park is not yet fully completed but cars will be able to access the stony area and drop children off at the tarred footpath which leads to the school (cars to move in a clockwise direction) where staff will direct children to their classrooms. The contractor has assured us that the main car park will be fully surfaced by 1st September. Children can be dropped-off between 8.45 – 9.05am (school gates will not be open before 8.45am). Children will enter the school via the new gate off the car park and will walk directly to their classroom where they will sanitise their hands on entry. (There will be no outside play at the beginning of the school day).

Primary 1 and 2 parents may wish to walk their child to their classroom door at the beginning of the term. Parents are not to enter the classrooms at any times due to our child protection and Covid-19 procedures. These parents can then exit the school via the roadside school gate and walk back to the car park (please follow this one-way system).

School pick-up arrangements:

- Primary 1 children will be walked to the new car park gate for collection at 12.15pm in September – 1.50pm thereafter.
- Primary 2 children will be walked to the new car park gate at 2pm for collection.
- Primary 3 children will be walked to the new car park gate at 2.45pm for collection (2pm on a Friday).
- Primary 4 children will be walked to the new car park gate at 2.50pm for collection.
- Primary 5 and 6 children will be walked to the new car park gate at 2.55pm for collection.
- Primary 7 children will be walked to the new car park gate at 3.00pm for collection

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We ask that those collecting children support the staggered collection arrangements to mitigate risk. Parents can stand at their parked car or along the fence below the mobiles where staff can identify you and release your child. We ask that you all adhere to social distancing guidance and refrain from bunching at the school gate. We ask that you drive very carefully to and from the school at all times.

Children walking home will exit the school via the roadside gate and a member of staff will walk them safely across the road. All parents who wish their child to walk home must give written permission. Please ensure that any other trusted adult that is collecting your child is aware of the drop-off / pick-up guidelines.

Children who are unwell or become unwell in school

It is of paramount importance that if your child has been unwell the night before or in the morning that they remain at home especially if they are showing Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, a new persistent cough, loss of taste/smell). Please do not send a child who is unwell in any way to school. We ask that parents take their child/children's temperature in the morning before leaving for school.

If a child presents unwell during the school day we will contact parents immediately and arrangements must be made to take the child home. Please bear this in mind and have arrangements in place for child's collection in this situation.

The school will follow strict PHA guidance at all times when dealing with suspected cases of Covid-19 and parents will be informed accordingly.

Social Distancing:

Whilst social distancing guidelines within the primary school setting have been relaxed, we will strive to keep them in place as much as possible. Classes will be 'bubbled' and we will keep interaction between classes to a minimum. This will mean staggered break and lunch times and a cessation of all clubs until further notice.

Visitors:

Under current guidance, visitors/parents will not be permitted in the school buildings without an appointment. If you would like to speak to your teacher about your child's progress, we can arrange a socially distanced meeting or a meeting over the phone. For any smaller queries or questions, please email your teacher and they will respond to you as soon as possible. Parent-teacher meetings will take place at the end of October and staff will have had a good chance to assess where your child is in terms of their education and well-being at this stage.

Hygiene Measures:

All children/staff will be required to wash their hands/use hand sanitisers on entering/leaving the school and regularly throughout the day. Good personal hygiene practices will be actively encouraged.

Extra cleaning and sanitising will be prioritised, and we will have stringent hygiene measures and reactive strategies in place following guidance from EA and the PHA.

School Meals / Snack:

School meals will be available to all children as normal from Tuesday 1st September (packed lunches required week beginning 24th August). Meals will be served to classroom 'bubbles' and there may be a reduced menu (more details to follow). For packed lunches - we will be allowing clearly labelled lunch boxes to be taken into school, or lunch in a disposable package with a clearly labelled water bottle (this may be more practical for parents and reduce waste). Children will not be handling another child's lunch box or water bottle during the school day. Parents must ensure that lunch boxes and water bottles are fully sanitised each evening.

We will no longer be providing our healthy snack service. Children should take a healthy snack into school every day. (It is very important that all children get their full breakfast and have a healthy snack with them daily).

School Bags/Pencil Cases

School bags will not be needed initially. Children can take in their labelled pencil case with essential items (see listed items attached). Pencil cases will remain in school.

Clubs:

Breakfast Club will not be available initially. We hope to be able to commence the club in the coming weeks with strict social distancing. There will be no after-school clubs in Term 1.

School uniform:

Full uniform will be worn as normal. We ask that you try to keep uniforms as clean as possible. You will be informed of your child's PE days at the beginning of the term. Children can wear their PE gear into school on those days to help with the practicality of this.

Transfer Revision

Transfer Revision will take place from 8am – 8.45am Monday – Friday with Mr Mone / Mrs McKeown for all Primary 7 children sitting the test in December. This will begin on Friday 28th August when the first set of new papers will be handed out. We ask that these children take papers completed from before the summer into school on Monday 24th for revision purposes (if they have kept them).

Homework

There will be no official homework sent home for the first two weeks of September. Homework will then be launched via our new online platform – more details to follow. Reading books will then also be sent home when all class groupings have been confirmed. It would be advisable to purchase a printer for your home with the possibility of localised or wider lockdowns in the coming weeks/months. In this instance, we would be switching to our online learning platforms.

Skin Conditions

If your child has a skin condition, please ensure that they take their own labelled soap / cream to school for regular hand washing. Please contact the school if you have any questions in relation to this.

New P1 Children / Parents

Unfortunately, we will not be able to host the group meeting for new P1 parents at the beginning of the school year. If you have any questions or queries about starting in Primary 1, please contact Mrs McKeown or Mr Mone via phone at any time. Please let us know also of any medical conditions that your child may have if you have not already done this.

All Parents

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child returning to school please contact the school at any time (02837548355 – smone720@c2kni.net).

Yours sincerely,

S Mone

Principal

Pencil Case items:

2 HB Pencils (we will provide thick pencils for younger children) – Rubber – Sharpener – Colouring Pencils / Crayons (twistables are great for younger children and require less sharpening) – Glue Stick – Ruler – Whiteboard Pens – Highlighter – Blue / Black / Red Ballpoint Pens (P7 only) – Individual Hand Sanitiser / Tissues.