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<p>The best way to prevent the spread of Covid 19 in a school is to minimise the risk of introduction of the disease into the school setting in the first place.” (Covid Response Plan, p.7)</p>	
<p><i>This is a working document. It will be reviewed regularly and measures will remain in place only as long as necessary. It is likely that aspects may change as the situation evolves.</i></p>	
<p>Resources for pupils and families</p> 	<p>Information for pupils and families is available at https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school</p>
<p>Foreign Travel</p> 	<p>Families must respect government guidelines in relation to foreign travel. https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/75d92-covid-19-travel-advice/</p>
<p>Illness</p> 	<p>We will depend on every family's cooperation in keeping pupils with any symptoms of Covid 19 at home.</p> <p>In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 it is important to know and recognise the symptoms of coronavirus (which includes the DELTA variant).</p> <p>Common symptoms of coronavirus include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above) • a new cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry. • shortness of breath or breathing difficulties








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	<p>loss or change in your sense of smell or taste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue • Aches and Pains <p>Other uncommon symptoms of coronavirus include: sore throat headaches runny or stuffy noses feeling sick or vomiting diarrhoea</p> <p>Public Health guidance is subject to change and up to date information can be found at https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/</p> <p>If a child displays symptoms at school, he/she will be brought to the isolation area and a parent will be contacted to collect the pupil immediately. In the case of a positive Covid test, the HSE will lead the school in Contact Tracing. The school must follow the instructions of HSE.</p>
<p>Staggered Start/Finish Times</p> 	<p>Pupils have been assigned a start slot of either 8:30-8:45 OR 8:45-9:00 to avoid large numbers gathering on the schoolyard at the same time. There are also 2 staggered finish times for infants 1:10/1:25 (infants) and 2:10/2:25 (1st-6th).</p> <p>We encourage parents to stagger their children's entry <u>within</u> their time slot. In the case of siblings at different times, families can choose to arrive at the end of one slot/start of the next. The first 20 minutes of school is timetabled as 'assembly time', no formal instruction takes place and no pupil will be marked absent at this time.</p>
<p>Access to School</p> 	<p>Access to the school building is limited to staff, pupils and pre-approved essential visitors only.</p>
<p>Access to Schoolyard</p>	<p><u>Pupils from second class</u> must enter the yard unaccompanied. Infants- first class may be accompanied by 1 adult. Please leave once the door</p>

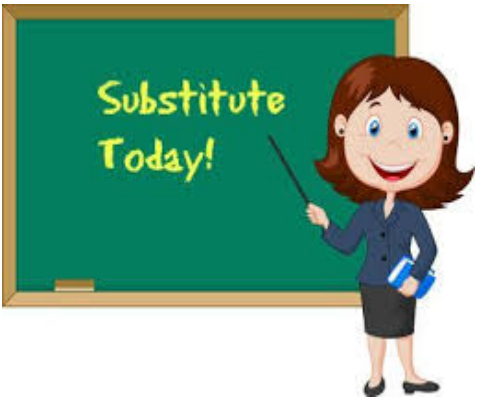
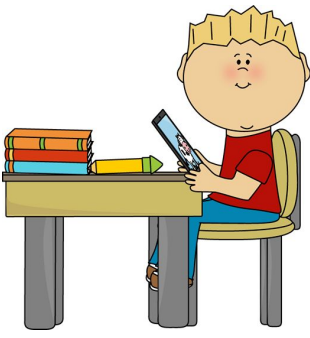


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	<p>is opened, respect 2m distancing on site and leave the school yard promptly.</p>
<p>Early Collections</p> 	<p>Early collections can only be facilitated for <u>essential appointments and emergency situations</u>. Please enter under the canopy and use the intercom by the front door to contact the front reception. Your child will be called and will meet you under the canopy.</p>
<p>Dropping off Forgotten Items</p> 	<p>Insofar as possible, please do not drop in forgotten items. Exceptions only for essential e.g. lunch. Please enter under the canopy and use the intercom by the front door to contact front reception, letting us know your child and teacher's name. Then place the item on the 'forgotten items' table and your child/teacher may collect it at his/ her yard break.</p>
<p>Communicating with Teachers</p> 	<p>It will not be possible to speak to teachers informally before/after school as in previous years. A phone call/zoom call can be arranged as needed by request through info@stpatricksns.ie. For other matters please also use info@stpatricksns.ie</p>
<p>Items (coming in and out of school)</p> 	<p>Pupils need only bring a <u>water bottle and lunch</u> box to school. A small bottle of sanitiser is recommended from first class upwards. All <u>stationery</u> will be provided by the school for each individual child. <u>Books</u> from the school's shared book scheme, will be assigned per child and be used by one child only.</p>
<p>Teacher Absence and Substitution</p>	<p>In the event that the teacher is unable to attend school, every effort will be made to secure a substitute teacher for the class. If a substitute teacher is not available and it is not possible to reallocate a non-mainstream teacher, it is not appropriate for the class to be divided into groups and accommodated in other classes. <u>In such (hopefully rare) circumstances, it may not be possible for the class to attend on that day. If that is</u></p>



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	<p><u>the case, as much notice as possible will be given to parents</u></p>
<p>Remote Learning Plan</p> 	<p>In the case of child/ren not being able to attend school due to a Covid diagnosis/close contact, the school's remote learning plan can be put into place. Details can be found at: http://stpatricksns.ie/policies/Remote-Teaching-Action-Plan-Covid.pdf</p>