



# **St. Patrick's N.S. Parent Information Webinar**

**21st October 2020**

# Introductions

- School
- Board of Management
- PA

Fáilte



# St. Patrick's 2020...the story so far

## Established 2001

45 pupils

2 classes

2 teachers

## Now in 2020

836 pupils

29 classes

44 teachers

15 SNAs

2 administrators

2 caretakers

# Building Updates

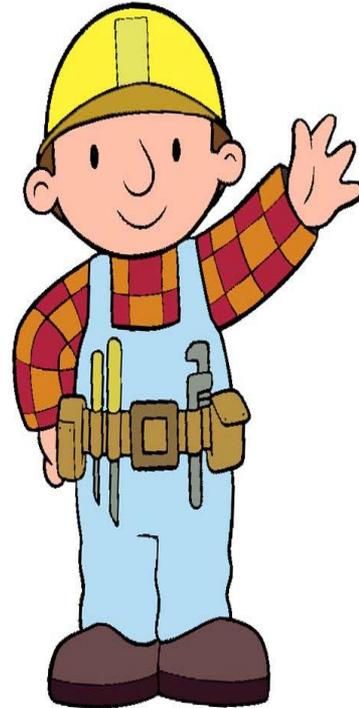
**2 classroom extension**

**Classes currently using  
Community Centre rooms  
and Library**

**Prefab for September 2021**

**Pyrite**

**Long-term plans**



# Changes to Admission Policy

**Categories**

**Clarification re siblings**

**Registration dates and  
process**



# Monitoring Pupil Attendance

Daily Roll Call

20 Day Absence Report

Covid 19 related absence

**\*\*\*New\*\*\*** Return to School

Declaration Form for

Parents on Aladdin



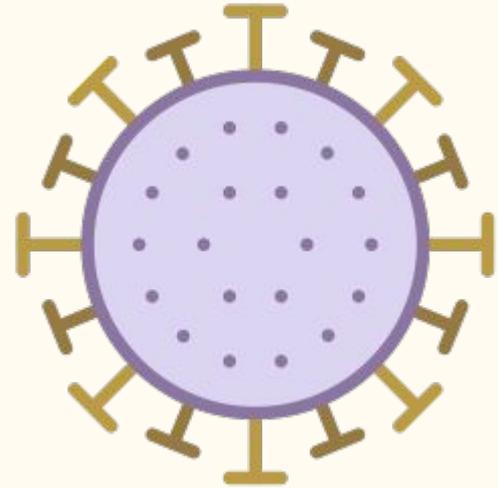
# Covid 19 (1)

**Control measures in place**

**Two extra cleaners**

**Bubbles and Pods**

**Staff, children, parental  
response**



# Covid 19 (2)

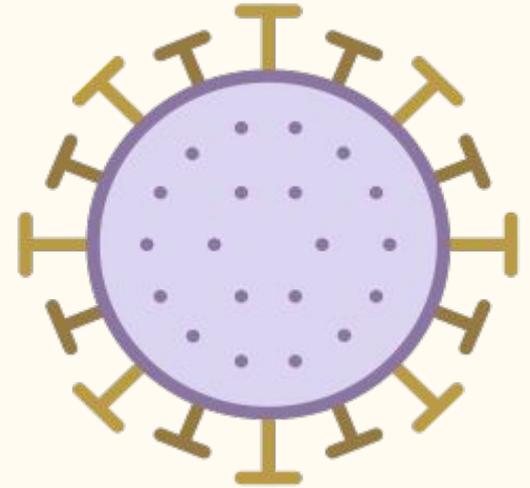
**DES Priorities for the 2020-21 school year:**

- 1. Health and safety**
- 2. Pupil and Staff well-being**
- 3. Curriculum**

**Meeting with the inspector**

**When to stay at home**

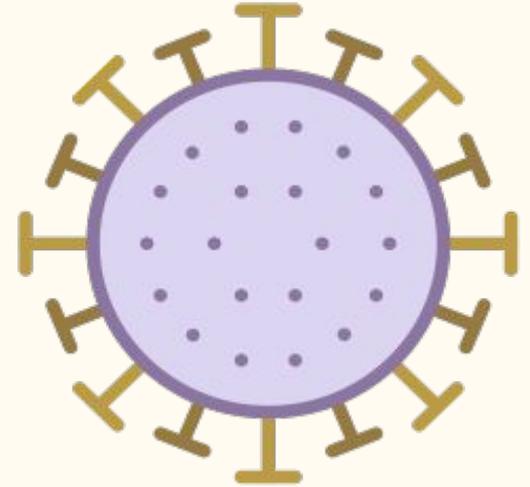
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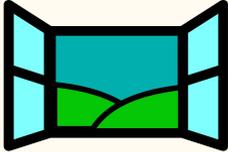
# Covid 19 (3)

## Challenges

- Pods
- Sharing resources within the class
- Sharing resources with other classes
- Visitors and Coaches
- Covid Confidentiality
- Substitute Teachers



# Ventilation and Outdoor Time



Airing rooms

Guidance

Striking a balance...

Children need to dress  
appropriately

Yard

Coat every day!!!!

Suitable footwear



# Support Provision for 2020/21

## Continuum of Support

Stages:

3

2

1



**“Pupils with the greatest level of need should have access to the greatest level of support”. (Stage 3)**

# Support Provision for 2020/21

Support teaching 'tweaked' (Covid Controls)

No mixing of class bubbles= more pressure on timetable

More pupils supported in class, limited amount  
of withdrawal support sessions available \*

Permission to withdraw

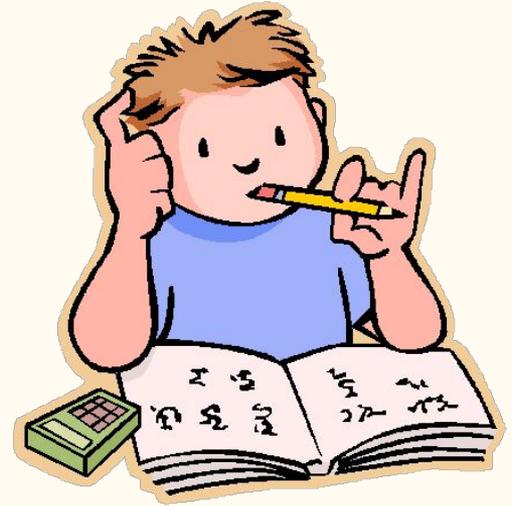


# Homework/Seesaw

**September: No homework**

**October: Reintroduction of Seesaw,  
gradual reintroduction of homework  
(from first class)**

**Plan going forward.....**





## Review of Homework Policy

Always an area of heated debate...not just in St.Patrick's

Next step...

Survey-  
Staff/Parents/Pupils

What the research shows?

Conflicting...

No clear proof of the merit of homework at primary level

Value in type of task, level of pupil/parent engagement

Homework is shown to increase inequality...

# Stay Safe Programme

One of our pillar SPHE programmes

Mandatory in all primary schools

Usually Snr. Inf, 2nd, 4th, 6th.

This year- all classes from senior infants

6 weeks from Hallowe'en

Watch out for home school links

[www.staysafe.ie](http://www.staysafe.ie)



# Please!!!

**Parking**

**School grounds- masks, bikes, scooters**

**School website [www.stpatricksns.ie](http://www.stpatricksns.ie)**

**School communication (email/Aladdin app)**

**Dropping off essential items/Early collections**

**Contacting office**

**Contacting staff [info@stpatricksns.ie](mailto:info@stpatricksns.ie)**

**Meetings during Covid 19 pandemic**



# Hallowe'en

**Dress up Friday (optional)**

**No accessories or props**

**Usual lunch**

**School will provide a treat**

**Stay safe!**



Thanks

