



Plan for Returning to School on Thursday 27 August and Friday 28 August

The plan for the Re-Opening of Scoil Mochua has been completed after broad consultation with the Board of Management, Parents, and Teachers and with the support of the DES guidelines. This plan will be posted up on the school website early next week. It is important that all parents and guardians read it carefully in order to be familiar with all aspects of the plan as the children return to school in these challenging times.

As the return to school on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 August will look slightly different, we have decided to include this information separately.

Arrival at school on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th August:

Each stream will be given a specific window of ten minutes in which to arrive at school.

1st, 3rd and 5th classes will come to school on **Thursday only**.

Senior Infants, 2nd, 4th and 6th classes will come to school on **Friday only**.

Siblings may arrive at the later time to allow them to accompany younger siblings to school.

Thursday 27th August

8.55 – 9.05: 5th class

9.10 – 9.20: 3rd class

9.20 – 9.30: 1st class

Friday 28th August

8.55 – 9.05: 6th class

9.05 – 9.15: 4th class

9.15-9.25: 2nd class

9.25 – 9.35: Senior Infants

- All classes will enter and exit on these days through the usual pedestrian gate
- **Parents will not be permitted to enter the school grounds but children will be greeted by members of the teaching staff inside the gates**
- Children will proceed directly to their classrooms and will be guided by the teachers.
- Class teachers will be waiting in the classroom to welcome the children.

On these days, the teachers will spend time explaining new rules and procedures and showing the children around. They will be pointing out the signage, the arrows on the floor and explaining the new procedures for arriving and exiting the school that will commence the following week.

- Children should bring last year's books to school on Thursday or Friday, and bring their new books in on Monday 31st August. The books will remain in the classroom for the time being.

Regarding the wearing of face-covering by children, please note the following guidance from the Department of Education and Skills: "It is not recommended that children attending primary school or preschool/childcare settings wear face-coverings." [Guidance for Primary Schools & Special Schools on PPE, Consumables and Equipment](#)

Exiting School on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th August

All classes will exit the school through the usual pedestrian gate at the front of the school. Exiting will be slightly staggered from 2.30pm on these days:

Thursday 27th August

5th class: 2.30pm

3rd class: 2.35pm

1st class: 2.40pm

Friday 28th August

6th class: 2.30pm

4th class: 2.35pm

2nd class: 2.40pm

Senior Infants: 1.40pm

We encourage parents who are collecting children to agree a meeting point with them in advance to avoid congestion at the gate. We understand that this will take time with the younger children. From next week on, the younger children will be exiting via the 'high-green' where it will be easier and safer to meet them at a designated point. However, on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, when all children are exiting via the front gate, we ask parents of these younger children to be patient, to stand back until your child's class arrives at the gate, and to maintain physical distancing at all times outside the school.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. Please be assured we will greet them with a big smile, and our priority is to have a happy return to school for all.