

Holy Family N.S. - Tubbercurry – Co. Sligo



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Dear parents/guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. We got the news yesterday that school will reopen on Monday March 1st for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd classes. We are still in Level 5 restrictions for Covid-19 so we all need to take extra care when returning to school. We look forward to seeing your children again.

Return to School Form

Everyone returning to school has to complete a Return to School Form. A copy of the form is attached.

This form must be signed and given to the teacher on the first day back at school. There will be no access to the school building without a signed form.

Symptoms of Covid 19.

We have been living with Covid-19 for a year now. However, it is still possible to catch and spread the virus. Children should not attend school if:

- They have been identified by the HSE as being a close contact of a confirmed case.
- If they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus
- If they have travelled outside of the Republic of Ireland
- If the child has any symptoms of the virus.

What are the symptoms? A temperature, cough, loss or changed sense of smell/taste, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache.

Covid-19 in school

If your child comes to school showing symptoms of Covid-19 they will be brought to an isolation room in the school. A call will be made asking you to collect your child from the school.

This is done to reduce the chances of spreading the virus in the class.

Hygiene

It is recommended that children wash their hands and sanitise before leaving the house.

Sanitiser is available in all classrooms and children will sanitise again before starting work.

Children should know how to sneeze/cough carefully – so they don't spread any virus.

Face Masks

Children are not required to wear face masks. However, if you are sending your child to school wearing a mask here are some guidelines:

- Masks should be clean, dry and changed regularly.

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- Children don't wear masks during lunch time. They should bring a small plastic bag to put their used facemask in
- It is a good idea that children bring a second mask for after lunch time. They will then have a clean mask to wear after their lunch.

General information about coming back to school:

- Access to the school grounds is for staff and children only.
- Parents are asked not to congregate outside of the school. Wear a mask and keep a safe distance from other parents.
- Communications with staff will be by phone or email.

Starting time/Home Time

- On Monday March 1st, Junior Infants and Senior Infants (and their siblings) are asked to come to school for 9.10 am. Their teacher will be at the front of the school also.
- On Monday March 1st, 1st and 2nd classes are asked to come to school for 9.20 am
This will allow us to collect the return to school forms safely.
- From Tuesday the teachers will wait in their classrooms for the children. Children can start to arrive from 9.10
- Children should wear warm coats as they will be outside during the day.
- Please remember to send all your child's workbooks back to school.
- There will be no homework for the first fortnight. This is a special reward for all the hard work that took place at home during school closure.
- Infant classes will go home at 2pm. 1st class (and siblings) will go home at 2.45. 2nd will go home at 2.50.

Google Classroom

Your child's teacher will be in school this week preparing her class for next week. While she is in school she won't be online with Google Classroom.

Work on Google Classroom will finish this week as normal class teaching restarts.

School Lunches:

Hot lunches will start from Monday. Orders must be placed by Friday. Children not receiving hot lunches should bring their own lunch. Lunch parcels home will not take place any more.

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