

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to our new school year in P3/4! Mrs Marley and Mrs Tierney are so delighted to work with you and your child as we embark on school life again after a very strange end to our last school term. Many of the children will have had Mrs Tierney before in Primary One and we hope they are as excited as Mrs Tierney is to be working with them again. Some of our P3 children from last year will have had Mrs Marley and she is looking forward to seeing how they have grown during lockdown and their summer holidays. We will spend the next few weeks getting to know everyone and are hopeful for a great year ahead. We would like to share the following information with you and will keep you updated if there are any changes.

Teaching schedule:

Monday-Thursday- Mrs Marley

Friday- Mrs Tierney

(There may be flexibility with teacher days throughout the year, however this will be the normal pattern)

Procedures:

We have spaced pupils in seating arrangements all facing forward. Adults will remain the safe distance as recommended but if children need support we will be sensitive with this. Our aim is that our pupils feel comfortable and safe in our care

All P3/4 pupils will enter and exit the classroom via the exit door on outside of our classroom. When dropping off and collecting your child from the P3/4 class please follow the one-way system around the exterior of the school building. Parents are asked to remain at the bottom of the steps and maintain social distancing at all times.

Pupils will wash their hands in the P3/4 wash basins before class begins. If there is a queue for handwashing, pupils can sanitise their hands using hand sanitiser provided whilst waiting for the bathroom.

Schoolbags can be placed on the back of pupil's chairs. Lunchboxes, snack and a non-spill water bottle should be kept in their school bags. Coats can be hung up on the hooks provided outside the classroom.

Pupils will wash their hands regularly throughout the day, including before and after eating. Staff will encourage and monitor this.

All pupils will have their own tray or basket under their desk. The tray will be kept at their table and contains stationery, books and other resources needed for that day.

We recommend that pupils come to school in a clean uniform each day.

PE days will be confirmed next week. On the day your child has PE they can come to school in their PE gear. They do not need to bring a change of clothes with them.

Money for dinners etc should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. These will be posted in our money box at the beginning of each day.

P3/4 staff will be responsible for cleaning tables, chairs and other high contact touch points regularly throughout the day.

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. If a child feels unwell in school, we will phone the first contact. A child who is unwell will be moved to the designated area (the mobile) and accompanied by an adult. When a parent arrives, they phone the school office and the child will be brought to the gate. If the symptoms are Covid related, we will also send siblings home and we ask that parents have their child tested as soon as possible. If Covid is confirmed, all pupils in the affected classes will self-isolate for 10 days.

Homework:

Homework will begin on Monday 7th September. Homework will be sent home each night in different folders. We will go through the homework together each morning and on return it will be posted in designated boxes in the classroom. Reading for the week will be given on a Monday. Reading books will be posted in a designated area on a Friday morning.

Monday- Spelling, mental maths and reading

Tuesday- Spelling, mental maths, reading and numeracy

Wednesday- Spelling, mental maths, reading and literacy

Thursday- Spelling, mental maths, reading and numeracy

We are hoping to have one night per week as an online activity.

Positive Behaviour

Positive behaviour will be promoted through the use of our 'trampoline' behaviour system. Pupils will bounce on reward for following all school rules, which are displayed in our classroom and will be talked through with your child. Pupils will earn Golden Time each day (30 mins per week) based on remaining on reward. Pupils may 'bounce' unto choice if they aren't following school rules, however we will always give pupils a verbal reminder before this. The 'choice' trampoline will act as 'thinking time'. They will be encouraged to bounce back to reward by making better choices. 'Consequence' is the third trampoline. Pupils will land here if they continue to ignore the rules and the opportunity to make a better choice. Golden time minutes for that day will not be earned for a pupil who lands here. If a child lands on consequence three times in a week Mrs Daly will be informed. We will also keep you as the parent informed in that instance.

Pupils have also the opportunity to earn table points and house points which will earn them in class and whole house team rewards.

We will issue a class newsletter each half-term on our website and you will also receive information about the use of our Seesaw app in the next week.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to getting to know your child, making our class a fun, safe, learning environment and to working in partnership with you to the best of our ability.

Many thanks,

Roisin Marley and Claire Tierney