



4th September 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we approach the end of our first full week back in school, thanks again to all our pupils and school parents for complying with our new COVID-19 school safety procedures. It's been a great achievement to get our school back up and running so really well done to everybody involved! It really is great to see everybody back in school.

Please note the following minor school system updates, following our observations of how the week has progressed:

- **New sibling waiting zones:** We note that a number of children during the 1st – 4th class home times are waiting in the yard for their siblings in older classes. From Monday 7th September, a designated, supervised sibling waiting zone beside the yard's grey-blue storage container will be available to pupils who need to wait for older St. Fintan's NS siblings at home time.
- **Pupil home time collection zone:** Whilst the vast majority of parents / guardians are rightly waiting at the lower end of the yard for home time collections, we have observed some people coming directly up the yard to the pupil entrance / exit door areas. For everybody's safety, we are now officially designating the lower yard area alongside the grass at the lower end of the yard as the "Home Time Pupil Collection Zone". All parents are asked to please wait in this lower yard area at home times and the children will be directed to you. This zone will be marked out with cones from Monday 7th September. Please do not come up the yard close to the pupil entrance / exits.
- **Revision to junior infant starting and home times: from Monday 7th September,** junior infants can come into school through their designated infant entrance between 8.40am and 9am, as per the system for all other pupils. Also from Monday 7th September, the junior infant day will lengthen to 1.15pm and not 1.30pm as previously communicated. This 1.15pm finishing time is arranged to ensure our youngest pupils have adequate time and space to safely exit the school and be collected safely. This 1.15pm junior infant finishing time will continue until further notice.
- **Confirmation of senior infants – 6th class finishing times:** Just to confirm the finishing times for all other classes as previously communicated:
 - Senior infants: finish at 1.30pm
 - 1st & 2nd classes: finish at 2.10pm
 - 3rd & 4th classes: finish at 2.20pm
 - 5th & 6th classes: finish at 2.30pm
- **And finally,** as communicated on numerous previous occasions and as is the case in all primary schools, no dogs (no matter how cute and fluffy!) should be brought onto school grounds at drop off or collection times.

Best wishes for a nice weekend everybody,

Mr. Caulfield, Principal