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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you all had a good summer.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school next week on **Monday 29th August**. In order to ease their transition back to school, we are emailing you with some important information in advance of the school return.

Please note that staggered arrival and departure times will no longer apply following the lifting of Covid restrictions last February. Therefore our school will revert to normal school hours from Monday 29th August as indicated below:

Junior Infants & Senior Infants: 8.45 – 1.30pm

*Junior Infants will have different arrival and dismissal times for the first two weeks only. This timetable has already been communicated to parents of Junior Infants in June.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes: 8.45 – 2.30pm

Our school gate will be opened at 8.45 each morning and the same procedure as last year will apply where children may walk into the school building themselves through the designated entrance door for their class. Their class teacher will be in their classroom to greet them as they come into school. Please refer to the table on the next page which indicates the entry and exit points for the various classes. Parents of incoming Junior Infants will receive separate communication from teachers giving details regarding their drop off and collection procedure.

Your child need not worry about not knowing where to go as staff will be allocated to specific entry/exit points to help children navigate their way particularly during the first couple of days as they get used to the location of their new classrooms. We will also have plenty of signs in the school yard showing children where to go.

In the interest of health and safety, we advise parents who are collecting children at the end of the school day to wait at their child's designated collection point (See table on next page) and the class teachers will lead their classes out to these exit points. If your child attends crèche, there will be a specific drop off and collection point as usual in the front yard of the school. At the end of the school day, teachers will bring any child attending crèche to the specific drop off and collection point.

A reminder to parents that St. Marnock's NS is now a **nut-free school**. As we have a number of pupils in our school with severe nut allergies, we want to do all we can to protect them. Therefore we request that parents do not send nuts and products containing nuts into school with children in their lunchboxes. We would also ask you to remind your child that sharing/ swapping lunches is not permitted. We appreciate your support with this and thank you for keeping our pupils safe!

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Sinéad Trimble
Principal

St. Marnock's NS Entrance and Exit Points for specific classes:

Teacher	Class	Entrance & Exit Point
Ms. T. Phelan	*Junior Infants	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Curtin	*Junior Infants	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Hunter	*Junior Infants	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Moran	Senior Infants	Yellow Door
Ms. Drinan	Senior Infants	Yellow Door
Ms. Moores	Senior Infants	Yellow Door
Ms. O'Dowd	1 st class	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Mythen	1 st class	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Kennedy	1 st class	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Fitzsimons	2 nd class	Red (Back) Door
Ms. B. Phelan	2 nd class	Red (Back) Door
Mr. Barnes	2 nd class	Red (Back) Door
Ms. MacDermott	Speech & Language class	Yellow Door
Ms. Cullen	3 rd class	Green Door
Ms. Monahan	3 rd class	Red (Back) Door
Ms. Joyce	3 rd class	Red (Back) Door
Mr. Doherty	4 th class	Purple Door
Mr. Kenealy	4 th class	Purple Door
Ms. Lalor	4 th class	Purple Door
Ms. Dillon	5 th class	Yellow Door
Mr. Maughan	5 th class	Yellow Door
Ms. Whelan	5 th class	Blue (Front) Door
Mr. Spellacy	6 th class	Blue (Front) Door
Mr. Cooper	6 th class	Blue (Front) Door
Mr. Corkery	6 th class	Blue (Front) Door