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Dear Parents/Carers,

To reflect the Department of Health's Transition Plan and the wider societal move to learn to live alongside COVID, the Department of Education COVID Guidance has been fundamentally revised. In recognising that COVID is still within our communities and schools, the revised DE Covid Guidance continues to seek to balance the current level of COVID risk with ensuring that children and young people can avail of a full educational experience.

- Parents should remain vigilant for the main symptoms of Covid-19. If you identify that your child has any of the symptoms, you should follow the [self-isolation procedures\(external link opens in a new window / tab\)](#) for any individual who is symptomatic or has been identified as a positive case.
- If anyone displays any of the main identified symptoms of COVID in school, they will be moved away from other pupils to a well ventilated staff supervised area and you will be contacted to come and take them home.
- To encourage staff, pupils and visitors to keep their distance from each other wherever physical capacity and curriculum delivery permit:-the drop off and pick up system currently in place will remain - Ms McCarron and Mrs Jarvis' classes at the front door and Mrs Muller's classes at their playground door; each class will remain a bubble and any visitors to the school will be asked to wear masks.
- Public health advice is that there is a relatively low risk of virus transmission associated with surface contacts in schools.
- We have reviewed the length of the Nursery session and I can confirm that the length of the session will be returning to 2.5 hours after the Easter holidays. * However, please note if your child is currently on a reduced timetable, their current timings will remain unchanged.
- Morning classes will be from **9.00-11.30am** - children can be collected from **11.25am**. We ask that you are all vigilant in ensuring that children are **not picked up late** as there will only be 15 minutes for staff to fog the rooms and get set up for the afternoon sessions as their lunch is at 11.45am.
- Afternoon classes will be from **12.15-2.45pm** - children can be collected from **2.40pm**. We ask that you are all vigilant in ensuring that children are not picked up late.
- If your child currently attends a daycare facility - please ensure that you inform them of the new drop off and pick up times **effective from Tuesday 26th April 2022**.

Yours sincerely,

Principal