



8<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Since my last correspondence we have moved to Level 3 on the National Framework for Living with Covid-19. This has implications for all of us. Taking personal responsibility and following public health guidance are our first lines of defence against Covid-19. Our school community has a collective responsibility to keep each other as safe as possible at this time. Each of our individual actions has an impact on the wellbeing of those around us. We must continue to work together in order for us to achieve our common goal.

You are asked to note the following important **reminders**:

- If your daughter is unwell she should not come to school.
- Know the symptoms of Covid-19. If your child has a cough, temperature, breathing difficulties or loss of taste/smell they should not come to school under any circumstances.
- If you have had reason to give your daughter Calpol/ Nurofen or other medicine, they should not be in school for 48 hours after they feel better as administering such medications can mask symptoms of Covid-19.
- If anyone in your household is unwell with the above symptoms or possible Covid-19, your daughter must not come to school until you have spoken to the GP and the GP confirms that you do not need to isolate.
- You are reminded not to take a chance and send your daughter to school if they feel unwell as this could potentially put the entire school at risk.
- If in any doubt, consult your GP.
- We know the disease spreads easily between individuals, in groups and in crowds. In school we have significantly reduced the number of direct contacts your daughter has each day. It is wise to do the same at home.
- You should remain 2 metres apart at arrival and dismissal times.
- You should wear face coverings when a 2m social distance cannot be maintained.

**Parents calling to the school during the school day:** We have had an increase in the number of parents coming to the school during the course of the school day. You are reminded that parents should only come to the school if absolutely necessary. Day to day messages/queries should be communicated by phone/email. Teachers are contactable by email. Face to face meetings cannot be facilitated at this time.

In order to ensure everyone's safety the following measures have been decided in relation to collecting pupils during the school day:

- When collecting a pupil during the school day, **parents may not walk through the yard while classes are in the yard. Classes are on the yard each day for PE and also at break times between the hours of 10.45-11.15am and 12.15-1.15pm.**
- If a parent needs to collect a pupil while there are pupils in the yard they should ring the school from the school gate to indicate that they have arrived and the pupil will be brought to meet the parent at the school gate.



**Aladdin Connect:** As you know, Aladdin Connect is our main mode of communication. If you are having difficulty accessing Aladdin Connect you should contact the office on [office@stmarysncobh.com](mailto:office@stmarysncobh.com). All parent should check Aladdin Connect regularly for communications.

**Permissions:** Thank you to all parents who have provided responses to permission requests. We are still awaiting 7 parents to complete permission requests in relation to Seesaw and 13 parents to complete permission requests in relation to Zoom (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class only). These parents are asked to complete these permission requests asap. Again, if you are having difficulty accessing permissions please contact the office on [office@stmarysncobh.com](mailto:office@stmarysncobh.com).

Wishing you all a safe and happy week.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Fiona O'Callaghan

Principal