



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome Back!

We are delighted to welcome all pupils back to school on Friday 27th August at 9am. The DES and HSE Guidelines have advised that schools will continue with the same safe practices and protocols as in the last academic year. Please read the following carefully for your information.

School Transport

1. Bus Eireann will provide guidelines for pupils using school transport.
2. We are sharing our transport with St. Mary's S.S.
3. Pupils will be separated for morning supervision as per last year.
4. Your Bus Driver will contact you shortly to inform you of pick up times and procedures.
5. Unfortunately, transport is not sorted for all our new pupils, this is with Bus Eireann and we hope it will be resolved in the coming weeks. If you have any queries you can email the Bus Eireann office at schools.dublin@buseireann.ie

School Uniform

All pupils are to wear our school uniform as normal. Leggings are not permitted and are not part of the school uniform.

New Students

We welcome all our new students to St. Ultan's. We are all looking forward to working with you all over the coming months and years. We wish you every success on the start of your new journey.

Start dates for new enrolments are as follows:

Friday 27th - Senior 1 and Senior 2

Monday 30th - Class 5 and 6

Tuesday 31st - Daffodil, Tulips and Primrose

Children attending class Daffodil will finish at 12.30pm for the month of September.

School starting and finishing times

As per last year if you are dropping your child to school each morning, we would ask that you would follow HSE guidelines on mask wearing and social distancing. School starts at 9am and supervision is not available at the front of the school before this time. Please ensure that your child is not left unsupervised outside our school. This is a health and safety risk and we are situated at the top of a very busy road. Our school gates are open to assist with school transport leaving our entrance very busy and dangerous. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Contact Information

If your contact information has changed over the summer, please let the office know and we will update your information.

Early Collections

If you are collecting your child early, please inform your bus driver and escort.

Hot Food

Our hot food will start in October, we will provide details of our menu over the coming weeks, please provide lunch for your child until you are told otherwise.

Support Links for Parents: There are a number of support links for parents in terms of advice and information on the safe re-opening of schools, please see the following list below:

Information for Parents:

- Video for parents of younger children (4 -7) - https://youtu.be/UomH_vakjDI
- Video for parents of younger children (8-12) - <https://youtu.be/97nErW1-0YU>
- A Parent's Guide to Close Contacts – click [here](#)

2. Video advice for parents and students at different levels
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>
3. Posters/graphics advice for parents
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>
4. Multilingual advice for parents
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0cf46-resources-and-materials-for-parentsguardians-and-for-students-on-returning-to-school-multi-lingual/>
5. Communications to Parents regarding School Transport – SEN and Primary <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/64a88-school-transport/>

Reminders for Parents:

Working together to ensure safety in our school, we really appreciate our parents helping us out with the following:

- Communication with the school must take place by phone or email.
- School policy in relation to children with symptoms of COVID-19. Do not send children to school if they are:
 - close contacts of a person with COVID-19
 - are awaiting a test
 - are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19
 - if they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus
 - if they have travelled outside of Ireland (see latest Govt. advice – click [here](#))

‘HSE Quick Isolation Guide for parents and guardians of children older than 3 months and up to 13 years of age’, please consult the following document on when/ when not to send your child to school regarding illness.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/educationguidance/Isolation%20quick%20guide%20under%2013s.pdf>

School’s Covid-19 Response Plan and Risk Assessment

These documents are available on the school website. Please consult for any further information related to Covid-19 safety protocols, guidelines and practice.

Sanitising & Covid-19 Safety Protocols

1. Children should use the hand sanitiser provided on entering the school yard / classroom and throughout the day.
2. As per the school’s Response Plan, all classroom tables and work stations will continue to be sanitised during the school day.
3. DES ventilation guidelines will be adhered to with windows being opened during break times and throughout the day.
4. Please ensure that children have all their own labelled pencils, colours etc. required for class work.
5. Book Rental is €75 per child – please ensure fees are paid by the end of September ’21.

Bubbles

Children will continue in their class Bubble as a class and when on yard.

Children will have both breaks (little break & lunch break) on yard. They will be fully supervised by teachers and S.N.A.’s as normal and will remain in their class bubble in their designated yard area.

Teaching & Learning/ Wellbeing

Teachers will continue to assess and work with children individually and as a class in terms of their educational needs, wellbeing, social development and any supports that may be required. We encourage you as parents to liaise with the school if you have any concerns or information which you feel may be helpful for your child's overall wellbeing and development.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Cunningham

School Principal