**Ag coinneáil gach duine slán / Keeping everyone safe**

We are keeping our fingers crossed in school that things run smoothly from now until Christmas. Your children have been great in school and they quickly adapted to and continue to follow the new routines and procedures during the school day.

Here are just a few reminders:

**For Children:**

* Continue to emphasise to your child about handwashing/sanitizing
* Coughing and sneezing into your elbow or a tissue
* Not to be bringing anything into school that doesn’t need to come in (homework bags should not to be brought in every day. The less items that transfer between school and home and home and school the lesser the risk of transmission)
* If plastic bottles or lunchboxes are brought in, they need to be sanitized beforehand.
* Wear a warm coat to school every day as we will be outside more often and windows and/or doors will be open in the classrooms.

**For adults:**

* Please wear a mask at the school gate.
* Wear a mask if you are entering the school grounds.
* Please stay 2 metres apart at the gate and when outside your child’s classroom.
* If you need to speak to a teacher, make an appointment through the office.
* If your child is in anyway unwell, please keep him/her home.
* Inform the school if your child has COVID symptoms.
* Book a test for your child and inform the school of the result.
* Any close contact will have to self-isolate for 14 days. The child with COVID has to self-isolate for 10 days.
* Do not send your child to school until you have received a negative result.
* Ventilation is very important in our classrooms at the moment, therefore windows and/or doors will be open. Ensure your child wears layers under their school uniform especially as the weather gets colder.
* Ensure that we have a contactable number, this is very important in case a child develops symptoms at school or is sick as they need to go home immediately.

**What is a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19? PHA definition**

A person who has been close to a confirmed case from two days before the person was symptomatic to 10 days after the onset of symptoms and:

* lives in the same household
* has travelled in a car with the case OR
* has been within 2 metres of a case for more than 15 minutes OR
* has been within 1 metre of a case and had face-to-face contact including:
* being coughed on
* having a face-to-face conversation
* having skin-to-skin physical contact