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Re.: Junior Infants 2020/2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. We are eagerly awaiting meeting you and your son at the end of the month. Usually we would have met with you at least once at this stage, however, as you are all well aware, times have changed dramatically for us all.

We are endeavouring to create the most enjoyable and memorable first day in school as possible for families in spite of current circumstances. With this in mind, we are going to invite junior infant pupils and two designated adults to enter the classroom for 15 minutes on Wednesday August 26th. You will be able to meet the teacher, show you son his classroom and take a photograph. You will be at an assigned desk that has been sanitised. We hope that this will facilitate a more pleasurable first day, as from Thursday, parents will not be permitted to enter the school under any circumstances.

An online booking system will be sent by text to you next week. You will also be required to fill up a contact tracing log that can be downloaded in the newsletter section of our website beneath this letter. Please bring a copy of this to the school prefilled on the Wednesday morning.

Please note that the junior infant classroom is now the first classroom on the right, at the entrance closest to the flag poles. Your designated waiting area in the morning will be in the red zone just outside the door and along the yard outside the junior infant window.

More information on our reopening plan will be issued next week.

Important homework to be done prior to starting school:

- We urge you to speak to your son ahead of this first day, always speaking in very positive terms about school and his teacher.
- Practising the opening of lunch items will greatly help him and his teacher in avoiding close contacts. He should be able to open his lunch box easily. Please do not send food to school that he cannot manage fully himself e.g. peeling an orange, frubes etc.
- Please ensure that all jumpers and any other lose items are labelled.
- Keeping a safe distance from their teacher is a very unfortunate outcome of this pandemic but is something that you will need to explain to your son prior to starting.
- You will be sent login details for the Class Dojo school communication app via the email you provided. Please ensure that you sign up. If you have changed your email recently, please update by emailing info@stpatricksboysns.com.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Anthony Liddane — Principal

Yvonne O'Meara — Class Teacher