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RE: Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to be welcoming the pupils and their teachers and SNAs back to school on Wednesday August 28th.

This newsletter is mainly a reminder of some logistical matters.

Drop Off and Collection

All the children will enter and leave the building through their assigned classroom door (staff will help them to their new rooms on the first day).

To avoid overcrowding and traffic congestion at the gate/on the road, we ask that parents drop children at the gate and do not themselves come into the school unless by prior arrangement.

(Separate, special arrangements will be put in place for our Junior Infants and their parents at the beginning of the school year.)

The main gates will be opened at 9:05am – please note the importance of there being no entry to the school for the children until the main gates open at 9:05am.

Morning:

All class teachers will be in their classrooms by 9:10am – classes commence at 9:20am sharp and children should be in school by this time.

Parents are asked to ‘drop and go’ anytime between 9.05am and 9.20am.

No parking will be allowed outside the school gate.

Parents/guardians/childminders must not congregate at the school gate

Children will go directly to their classrooms on arrival. **There will be no lining up.** Other staff members (including Special Education Teachers, SNAs and the Principal) will be available outside and inside the building to receive the children and to help them to their classrooms.

Afternoon:

1:55p.m. From Monday 9th September, class teacher will bring **Junior Infants** to the gate (prior to this date, children from Junior Infants will go home at 12:30p.m.)

2.00p.m. Class teacher will bring **Senior Infants** to the school gate.

2.55p.m. Class teachers will bring **First and Second Class** to the school gate. Parents can collect the children from the gate. Families that have children in Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Class **as well as in First and Second Class**, may collect all their children at this time.

3.00p.m. Class teachers will bring Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes to the school gate. Parents can collect the children from the gate.

As many of our older children walk home by themselves, there should not be as many cars arriving for pickups at this time.

This system will apply rain, hail or shine so please make sure that your child comes to school prepared for the weather!

Summarised Timetable for Drop Off and Pick Up

9.05	Main gate to open
	Staff to support arrival of pupils
9:10	Class teachers will be in classrooms
9.05 – 9.20	Arrival of pupils – Drop and Go system. No adults to enter the school yard. Children to go straight to their classrooms on arrival.
9:20	Lessons begin
1.55	Pick up and go – Junior Infants (from Monday 9 th September)
2.00	Pick up and go – Senior Infants
2.55	Pick up and go – First and Second (and siblings in 3 rd - 6 th)
3.00	Pick up and go – Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth

Communication with Teachers

Face to face meetings or phone calls can be arranged as required.

Break Times

Small Break (Sos): Eat at 11:00, yard 11:10 – 11:20.

Big Break (Lón): Eat at 12:50, yard 1:00 – 1:30.

Hot Lunches are provided by The Lunch Bag – any queries should be directed to The Lunch Bag (info@thelunchbag.ie).

Tracksuits

New school tracksuits have been distributed. ID Sport in Mitchelstown can be contacted if there are any queries or to order anything else.

Finally...

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday and to meeting all our new Junior Infants and children joining classes up the school.

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Rory Gibbons

Principal