

Absences and Illnesses

As you are aware it is imperative that you follow Public Health advice in relation to illness that your child may present with during the year ahead. A child who is unwell should not be in school particularly in the current circumstances. You are therefore advised not to administer medicines (e.g. Calpol/Paracetamol) to reduce temperature readings in order to send them to school. Children presenting with any other symptoms associated with Covid 19 (as listed on the HSE information sheet attachment) should be kept at home.

For illnesses other than Covid 19, it is also important that the children remain home from school for at least 48 hours following their last bout of illness.

If your child has a persistent condition, please inform your class teacher about this in order to avoid the condition being misconstrued as being Covid 19 related (a note from your GP might be helpful in this regard).

When your child is returning to school following absences please inform the school through Aladdin as to the reason for the absence. Absences of more than 20 days in a school year are reported to the National Education Welfare Board, who will investigate the matter further.

Enrolments for September 2021

We will publish our new Admission Policy and Annual Admissions Notice on our school website in October. This will confirm dates from which applications will be accepted as well as the closing date for completed applications.

Healthy eating policy/waste free school

Reminder on our Healthy Eating Policy, treats are for Fridays only. We ask that children **DO NOT BRING IN NUTS** as a snack as we have children with nut allergies in school. As we are now a waste free school all packaging, containers, food waste etc. from your child's lunch box must go home every day in their lunch box. Children should not share lunches with others.

Head lice

Your child will be coming into close contact with other children in the classroom, so therefore particular attention should be paid to health and hygiene. Check your **child's hair** weekly for **head lice**. If your child has contracted head lice, please treat it immediately and inform to the class teacher. The school will respond by issuing an Aladdin notice to all of the families in the class (your child will not be named). If you receive a head lice notification it is extremely important that you check your child's hair and treat it.

Thank you
Carol O'Byrne
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CHILD PROTECTION (Children First Act 2015 & Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017)

The Children First Act 2015 has placed certain statutory obligations on all registered teachers as mandated persons in the act. All registered teachers, as mandated persons, have a legal obligation to report concerns in writing regarding the safety, health and wellbeing of the children in our care to the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) in the school and Tusla. If any such report is made the Parents/Guardians will be advised by the DLP. The DLP is Ms. Olwen Mackey and in her absence the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Mrs. Suzanne Ashmore.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment in relation to Child Protection are on display in the front corridor beside the office.