

# Kiltale National School

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Dear Parents,

24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

We hope this finds you and yours well. As you know, there have significant developments in recent days with regard to schools and changes to the Covid-19 lockdown.

We look forward to welcoming back to school our junior infants, senior infants, first and second classes next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

The plan is for the remaining classes 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes to return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the target date identified by the Minister for Education. We will continue with remote learning support for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes until they return.

When back in school we can assure you that we will continue to work hard to keep our school building a Covid free environment and that the children will follow Covid 19 protocols rigorously. We ask parents to continue to follow all the Covid 19 protocols as already identified in our Covid 19 Response Plan. In particular, we require that parents adhere to public health guidelines and avoid congregating at the school at assembly and dismissal times. Masks must be worn when interacting with others and when collecting children and dropping off or picking up books. As per the Covid regulations, communication with the school staff will only be by email or by appointment on the phone.

We advise parents that pupils should not return to or attend school in the event of the following:

- If they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19
- If they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus
- If they have travelled outside of Ireland.

Before starting back to school, each child must have a **HSE 'Return to Education Form'**, completed by their parents and submitted to the school. A copy of this form is attached with this letter. Parents must complete the form and email it to the school before Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

- The school will start at 9.00am as usual, with children entering in single file (2m apart, Covid-style) through the side gate from 8:50am.
- School will end at 1:40pm for junior and senior infants, with collection at side gate from the car park.
- School will end at 2:40 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes, with collection at the side gate from the car park.

Boxes or bags of books for Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes can be returned to the school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of February at the following times.

- ✓ **2:00pm - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class** returns to Junior end door, exit through yard door.  
Boxes can be left lined up in the corridor outside the classroom.
- ✓ **2:30pm – Junior and Senior infants** to Junior end door, exit through yard door.  
Bags can be left hanging on coat hangers outside the classroom.

Looking forward to a successful and happy return to school for all,

Sincerely yours,  
*Eileen O Reilly*  
Principal.