

01/12/21

A chairde,

Míle buíochas daoibh go léir don tacaíocht ar fad atá tugtha agaibh dúinn thar an ama seo. Tuigimid go maith gur am deacair, dúshlánach agus inníoch í do pháistí, do thuistí agus d'fhoireann scoile araon. Seo chugaibh roinnt athraithe agus eolas ar an gcóras nua atá eagraithe ag an HSE.

Bealaí Nua Teagmhála Scoile:

Braitheann an córas nua ar eolas roinnte linn ó thuismitheoirí. Tá an t-ádh dhearg linn go dtí seo go bhfuil ár gcomhphobal scoile chomh oscailte agus sásta eolas a roinnt linn nuair atá cás dearfach PCR ann. Nuair a deirtear linn go bhfuil cás dearfach PCR ann, beidh ríomhphost á sheoladh againn chuig tuistí sa pod céanna leis an uinhir teagmhála ann chun teacht ar na scúdaithe antaigine. Cuirfear an rang ar an eolas freisin. Má tharlaíonn an t-arna chás sa rang beidh an ríomhphost céanna á sheoladh chuig an rang ar fad. Is féidir le paistí sa pod agus sa rang freastal ar scoil i rith na hama seo seachas má thagann aon chomharthaí Covid orthu.

Treoirínte Leithlise Tapa:

Ceangailte leis an ríomhphost seo tá na treoirínte leithlise tapa nua foilsithe ón tseachtain seo caite. Is fiú go mór iad a léamh mar clúdaíonn siad gach saghas teagmhas: nuair atá duine tinn, dearfach le Covid nó bheith mar ghartheagmháil. **Athrú mór amháin atá ann ná má tá duine sa bhaile ag fanacht ar scrúdú PCR a thógaint nó ag fanacht ar na torthaí CAITHFIDH aon páiste nach bhfuil an vaicsín acu fanacht sa bhaile go dtí go bhfuil toradh diúltach ann.** Tuigimid go maith gur cur isteach mór é seo ar shaol clainne agus ar shaol scoile ach níl an t-arna rogha ann.

Comharthaí Covid:

Ó Mheán Fómhair is minic páiste nach raibh aon chomharthaí orthu agus iad dearfach le Covid agus is iomaí comharthaí atá teacht chun cinn i measc na cásanna deafacha sa scoil freisin: srón ag silleadh, teocht ard, pian goille, buinneach, caitheamh amach, toinníteas, tinneas cinn, scornach tinn, athrú ar bhlaiseadh nó boladh, casacht nua agus giorra analú. Is liosta fada é agus iarrfar oraibh gan páiste a sheoladh ar scoil le haon dos na comharthaí thuas luaite. Má bhíonn comharthaí le feiscint ar aon pháiste i rith an lae, seolfar abhaile an páiste.

Caitheamh Mascanna:

Tháinig eolas ón roinn chugainn oíche aréir le treracha NPHEM maidir le caitheamh mascanna ó R3-R6. Tá na litreacha céanna ceangailte leis an ríomhphost seo. Ní theastaíonn uainn brú a chur ar aon phaiste nó ar aon chlann ach ar an lámh eile dhe, caithfidimid na treracha a leanúint. Beidh an fhoireann SET i dteagmháil leo siúd atá riachtannaisí foailte acu. Ní mór teastas dochtúra a dheimhniú go mbaineann duine le ceann de na catagóirí atá ar an liosta thíos a sholáthar don scoil thar ceann duine (dalta) ar bith a mhaíonn go bhfuil sé/sí clúdaithe ag an díolúintí thíos:

- Aon duine a bhfuil deacracht anáilaithe nó fadhbanna sláinte eile atá ábhartha aige nó aici.
- Dalta ar bith nach bhfuil ábalta an cumhdach aghaidhe éadaigh nó an scáthlán a bhaint de/di gan cúnamh a fháil
- Dalta ar bith a bhfuil riachtanais speisialta aige/aici agus a d'fhéadfadh a bheith trí chéile nó an-mhíchompordach agus an cumhdach aghaidhe éadaigh nó an scáthlán á chaitheamh aige/aici, mar shampla daltaí atá faoi mhíchumas intleachtúil nó forbartha, a bhfuil fadhbanna meabhairshláinte, fadhbanna céadfacha nó mothálacht thadhlaigh ag cur as dóibh.

Chun seans a thabhairt do thuismitheoirí labhairt lena bpáistí agus chun teacht ar theastas leighis más gá, cuirfear i bhfeidhm ón Luan 6 Nollag na treoracha nua ó R3 ar aghaidh. Beidh ar R3 ClárL masc a caitheamh ach níl aon iachall ar R2 ClárL iad a caitheamh.

Aerú agus Sraitheanna Breise:

De bharr go bhfuil na fuinneoga agus doirse ar oscailt, b'fhiú go mór sraitheanna breise faoin éide scoile nó geansaí breise thar an éide scoile a caitheamh chun na páistí a choimeád te.

Margadh Geimhreadh ar Ceall:

Is le trom chroí go bhfuilimid a rá go bhfuil orainn an Margadh Geimhreadh scoile a chur siar go dtí an tEarrach de bharr an méid cásanna faoi láthair.

Feachtas Nollag:

Beimid ag cabhrú leis an gcarthanacht Street Angels arís i mbliana lenár mbailiúchán Nollag. Cabhraíonn siad le daoine gan dídeán, le clainnte agus le daoine a bhfuil deacrachtaí acu le bia agus earraí éagsúla a cheannach chomh maith leo siúd atá i soláthair díreach. An dáta deireanach a bhéas ann rudaí a thabhairt isteach ná Nollaig 10ú.

Arís ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil libh as ucht a bheith ag oibriú go mór linn agus sinn a choimeád chun dáta maidir le cásanna dearfacha chomh maith leis na troeireacha a leanúint. Guímid gach ráth oraibh.

Le buíochas,

Múinteoir Deaglán & an Fhoireann Scoile

01/12/21

A chairde,

Thank you all very much for your continuing support. We know that these are challenging, worrying and trying times for children, parents and staff alike. We wanted to share with you the new HSE procedures regarding Covid as well as some additional information.

New School Contact Procedures:

This system relies only on the shared information from parents. To date, we have been very fortunate in the open and honest attitude of our school families. As of from yesterday, when a parent informs the school of a positive PCR test result for a child or a staff member informs the school of a positive case, we will email the pod involved giving the details of the government's new antigen testing system. The parent can ring the number provided to receive the antigen test whilst all the children may stay in school unless they are symptomatic. If a second child in another pod tests positive, the rest of the class and staff involved will also receive this letter with the number to register for the antigen test.

Isolation Quick Guides:

We have included the up-to-date isolation quick guides for both under and over 13 years old. This is well laid out and helps us all figure out what we must do if someone shows symptoms, tests positive or is deemed a close contact.

One major change is that if a member of the family is waiting to take a PCR test or awaiting results of same, any unvaccinated children MUST stay at home until a negative result occurs. We appreciate that these changes can affect both home and school life but in order to keep our school community protected, we must heed the guidelines.

Covid Symptoms:

Since September, children in our school who have tested positive with Covid-19 have complained of a huge variety of symptoms as well as others being completely asymptomatic. These symptoms include; runny nose, temperature, sore tummy, diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, conjunctivitis, headaches, sore throat, new cough, change in taste and smell, cough, shortness of breath. If any child presents with any of the above, we ask that you do not send your child to school and to contact your GP or arrange a PCR test. Any symptomatic child presenting in school will be sent home.

Mask wearing:

We received information regarding the wearing of masks for children from R3-R6 last night. We attach the letters with this email. We do not want to cause pressure or discomfort for our children or families, however we must adhere to the guidelines. The SET team will be in contact with families of students with needs that stop them from

wearing face masks. **A medical certificate to certify** that a person falls into a category listed below must be provided to the school on behalf of, any person (pupil) who claims that they are covered by the exemptions below:

- any pupil with difficulty breathing or other relevant medical conditions
- any pupil who is unable to remove the cloth face-covering or visor without assistance
- any pupil who has special needs and who may feel upset or very uncomfortable wearing the cloth face covering or visor, for example pupils with intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, sensory concerns or tactile sensitivity.

In order to give parents an opportunity to speak with their children and to furnish a medical certificate if required, the wearing of face masks in children from R3 upwards will commence in our school on Monday, Dec 6th. R3 in Múinteoir Clár L's class are required to wear the masks whilst the children in R2 Clár L's class do not.

Ventilation & Extra Layers:

As the window and doors remain open for ventilation, please ensure your child is warm by wearing a base layer under their jumper or an extra jumper over the uniform.

Postponement of School Winter Fair:

Unfortunately, due to present numbers and the current situation, a decision has been taken to postpone our School Fair until the Springtime.

Christmas Appeal:

This year we will be supporting the local charity Street Angels as we did last year. Street Angels support people who find themselves homeless, people and families who find it hard to buy food as well as those in direct provision centres. The last day for our collection is Friday December 10th December.

Rud le caitheamh/ Something to Wear	Rud le húsáid/ Something to use	Rud le hithe nó ól/ Something to eat or drink	Rud don Street Run/ something for their weekly Street Run	Nithe Eile/ Other items
Gloves	Toothpaste/ toothbrush	Non-perishable foods	Tinfoil	Hand warmers
Socks	Roll on deodorants	Sweets	Cling film	Foil blankets
Leggings	Shower gel	Biscuits	Ziplock sandwich bags	Pocket torches
Scarves	Hairbrushes/combs	Chocolate	Plastic cutlery	Pocket tissues
Hats	Lip balm	Bottled water	Paper plates	Sleeping bag
Underwear	Face wipes / baby wipes	Cup a soups	Plastic Plates	Selection boxes
Slippers	Shampoo	Pot noodles	Foil trays	Small gift sets

Again, we would like to thank our school community for working so close with us and for keeping us informed of positive cases as well as following the Guidelines, in spite of the difficulty they cause.

Le buíochas,

Múinteoir Maebh, Deáglán & an Fhoireann Scoile