

# Tabhachtach. Nóta scoile 05-01-2021

A chairde,

Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh go léir. Tá súil againn go raibh briseadh deas, sábháilte agaibh go léir agus guímid gach ráth oraibh don bhliain nua amach anseo.

Bhí cruinniú fóirne againn ar maidin chun rudaí a phlé faoi theacht thar nais ar scoil fé mar atá molta ag an Aire Oideachais tráthnóna inné. Tuigimid go maith go bhfuil cásanna covid ard timpeall na tíre agus gur cúis imní é dúinn go léir i measc comhphobal na scoile. Táimid mar fhoireann Ghaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn chun an mead is mó gur féidir linn a dhéanamh chun ár gcomhphobal a choimeád chomh sábháilte agus is féidir linn. Beidh na rudaí seo a leanas á dhéanamh againn:

- Na Ranganna a choimeád i ngrúpaí faoi leith (pods) le spás 1méadar idir na grúpaí éagsúla
- Beidh mascanna á chaitheamh ag foireann na scoile agus molfaimid **go hard** go mbeidh siad á caitheamh ag páistí ó R3-R6.
- Beidh bealaí isteach agus amach faoi leith ag na ranganna fé mar a bhí ó thosach na bliana.
- Beidh stáisúin díghalráin ag gach bealach isteach sa scoil agus i ngach seomra ranga freisin.
- Beidh ar na páistí a lámha a ghlanadh go minic i rith an lae.
- Seolfar aon páiste le comharthaí tinneas orthu abhaile.
- Beidh fuinneoga agus doirse ar oscailt tríd na scoile chun aerú. – **Beidh na seomraí fuar, bígí cinnte go bhfuil éadaí oiriúnach ar bhur bpáistí.**
- Táimid faoi láthair ag iarracht teacht ar scagairí HEPA dos na seomraí ranga.
- Ag moladh bealach ceart sraotha, glanadh lámha a mhearradh dos na páistí
- Obair seachtainiúil a chur abhaile dóibh siúd ata mar ghartheagmhail nó tinn le Covid.
- Iarrfaimi dar thuistí an scoil a chur ar an eolas má tá páiste tinn le Covid ionas gur féidir linn an pod agus an rang a chur ar an eolas chomh maith le obair scoile a shochrú.
- Beidh 13 do fhoireann scoile as láthair amárach agus ar an Aoine agus tá ionadaithe faighte againn dos ranganna ar fad atá i gceist. Déanfaimid gach iarracht ionadaí a fhostú mar mhúinteoir ranga / CRS nuair is gá ach tá baol ann go mbeidh orainn ranganna a sheoladh abhaile má tá deacrachtaí againn teacht ar ionadaithe.

## **Treoirínte Leithlise Tapa:**

Ceangailte leis an ríomhphost seo tá na treoirínte leithlise tapa is faoi mar atá foillsithe ag an HPSA ar Oíche Chinn Bhliana. Tá an-chuid eolais ann agus iarrfaimd oraibh na teoracha seo a leanúint.

Is fiú go mór iad a léamh mar clúdaíonn siad gach saghas teagmhas: nuair atá duine tinn, dearfach le Covid nó bheith mar ghartheagmháil. **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. Má thagann páiste ar scoil le comharthaí ar bith, seolfar abhaile iad.

Má thagann aon threoirínte nua chun chinn, cuirfimid ar an eolas sibh.

A chairde,

Wishing you all a very Happy, Peaceful and Safe New Year. We hope you had an enjoyable, safe break and send our best wishes to you all for 2022.

We held a staff meeting this morning to discuss the safe return to school for our school community as was agreed at a governmental meeting yesterday. We appreciate and acknowledge the high level of cases throughout the country and understand this is a cause of great concern and worry for pupils, parents and staff alike. We, the staff of Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn, will endeavour to do as much as we can to ensure a safe return to school for our school community. Below are several steps that we will undertake:

- We will keep our class pod system in place and keep 1metre between each pod.
- All staff members will wear face masks and **in the strongest possible terms** encourage the wearing of masks for our students in R3-R6, noting that some students have medical exemptions for this.
- Classes will enter and exit the school building through their allocated doors as we have been doing from the start of the school year.
- Sanitising stations will be present at all entry and exit points as well as in every classroom.
- Children will be encouraged to clean and sanitise their hands at numerous times throughout the day
- Symptomatic children will be sent home from school.
- Windows and doors will remain opened to enable ventilation. – Rooms will be cold. **Please ensure that your child is wearing warm clothing.**
- We are currently sourcing HEPA filters for each classroom.
- Sneezing etiquette and proper hand washing will always be encouraged.
- Weekly work will be sent home to those children who are self-isolating due to illness or due to being identified as close contacts
- We ask that parents inform the school if a child is positive with Covid so as we can arrange information to be sent to the pod and class in question and to arrange work to be sent home.
- 13 of our staff members will not be at school tomorrow but substitute teachers have been appointed for all affected classes. Every effort will be made to appoint substitute personnel for absent teachers / SNAs when they're needed but please be aware that we may need to send home classes if we do not have staff members to supervise them.

#### Isolation Quick Guides:

We have included the up-to-date isolation quick guides for both under and over 13 years old as published on New Year's Eve. There is a great deal of information given and we would advise to adhere to these up-to-date guidelines. 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 or household contact. **Please be advised 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 new guidelines in particular impact greatly on both family and school life but in order to keep our school community protected, we must heed the guidelines. If any child presents as symptomatic in school, they will be sent home.

If any further guidelines arise, we will keep you informed.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Maebh, Deaglán & Foireann na Scoile.