

First day of School: **Thursday 26th of August** as per [school calendar](#).

For the first two days, staggered collection times are as follows:

Junior Infants **12.15pm** Senior Infants **12.30pm**

More details on the following weeks below:

From 30th August 2021 school starts as normal for Junior and Senior infants.

Supervision

Children can arrive at the school from 8.50am. They will be supervised by members of school staff until school starts. Children are not insured to be on the grounds before 8.50am.

School officially starts at 9:10am.

Arriving to School:

Senior Infants:

Children to be dropped at the school gate and make their own way to their classroom.

It's the same classroom as last year – Seomra Darach – Prefab 10

This changes in drop-off have been introduced as part of the schools response plan and we appreciate it requires an increased independence on the child's part. While the schools' educational approach promotes increased independence, we appreciate a collaborative approach is needed and we appreciate your cooperation in helping your child achieve independence at the morning drop-off time.

Junior Infants:

Parent/Guardian to accompany their child to the 1st arch and the classroom is the first prefab on your left Seomra Saílí – Prefab 7 (You will be guided to the classroom door by a member of school's staff.

Until you are called, please stay with your child maintaining social distancing from other families.

The SET teacher, Margit will then invite the child to enter the class to join the class teacher and the other pupils. As occasionally happens on the first day, a child may need more time to join the class. In this case there will be a bench set up for your child. Please stay with your child in the designated area during this time, until your child is ready to join their class.

Once the child has joined their class, we ask parents to leave as indicated by green route on map.

We have your phone number in case any child is in distress after you have left.

Any child in Junior Infants with an older sibling can be dropped at the school gate and be accompanied to the arch by their sibling. Indeed, if you feel your child is ready after the initial settling in period, your child can be dropped at the school gate and make their own way to their classroom -

Arrangements for dropping off children have been put in place to encourage physical distancing of 2m where possible. Therefore, the Board of Management requests that parents, once they have dropped off their child return to their car to decrease unnecessary interaction. **The aim of any arrangements is to avoid congregation of people on the school grounds where physical distancing may not be respected.**

Departing from School

At the end of the school day each Class Bubble will exit the school building at staggered times.

Infants Collection Times

Staggered times for infants from 26th of August until Friday 10th of September are as follows:

Junior Infants will be collected at the school gate at **12.15pm**

Senior Infants will be collected at the school gate at **12.30pm**

Collection times from Monday 13th of September for Infants are as follows:

- Junior Infants will be collected at the school gate at **1.50pm**.
- Senior Infants will be collected at the school gate at **2pm**.

Collection Procedures

All pupils will be brought to the gate by their class teacher.

We ask parents who arrive by car to stay at their car until children are ready for collection.

When the children arrive at the gate, we ask you to exit your car and stay by the door of your car. The teacher will then signal each child in turn from inside the gate and send him/her in the direction of parent's/guardian's cars that **are parked on the school side of the road**.

Please note that no children can cross the road. Instead we then ask parents who have collected their child to leave the school so cars on the other side of the road can move into a space on the school side of the road.

Arrangements for collecting children should be arranged to encourage physical distancing of 2m where possible. **The aim of any arrangements is to avoid congregation of people on the school grounds where physical distancing may not be respected.**

Children who are not collected will return to the school grounds (e.g. office, staff room) under the supervision of school staff. Upon arrival parents must sign book to record late collection. Please note that this time is used for teacher planning, meetings, etc. and we ask for your co-operation in collecting your children in a timely manner. It can also be stressful for a young child if parents arrive late.