



August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you all had a nice summer and that you are looking forward to your son's return to school on Wednesday next, September 1<sup>st</sup>. A special welcome is extended to our new 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys and I hope you have a very enjoyable time in our school.

Classes this year will begin at **8.50am** each day with supervision in the morning beginning at 8.40am. The school will not be open before 8.40am and the Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children on the premises before this time. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes will finish at 2.25pm each day and 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes at 2.30pm. **Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, will be a full day in school.**

Our school has put together a detailed Back to School Plan to ensure the safety of all within our school. Please see the attached Plan which contains essential information about COVID Procedures, Break times, Collection, Drop-off etc.. You are asked to make yourself familiar with this plan before next week.

While the COVID-19 situation has improved over the last number of months, we must continue to implement guidelines to prevent the transmission of the virus.

- Parents/Guardians should not under any circumstances send their child to school if they have a temperature, a cough of any kind, loss of smell/taste, shortness of breath, other uncommon symptoms of COVID-19, such as sore throat, headaches or diarrhoea. **If your child is generally unwell please take a precautionary approach and keep him at home.**
- After 48 hours it is ok to send your child back to school as long as:
  - their symptoms do not get worse
  - they do not develop new symptoms
  - they have not had paracetamol or ibuprofen (Calpol) during these 48 hours - this may hide a fever if they have one
  - no one else they live with is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19
- **Parents/Guardians must wear a mask at all times when on school grounds and social distancing should be observed at drop-off and collection times.**
- Parents/Guardians of children who travelled to Ireland from another country within the past 14 days must follow government guidelines as per <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel>.
- This year there is no requirement to complete a Return to School Declaration for your son after an absence from school. However, all absences should be explained on Aladdin.

### **Uniform**

All school jumpers must have a school crest and each boy is expected to wear a school tie. Crests (€5) and Ties (€3) can be purchased at the school office.



### **Book Rental and Class Requisite Monies**

Sincere thanks to everyone who has paid their Book Rental and Class Requisite monies. If there are outstanding monies please pay on Aladdin by **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you are not in a position to pay online please send monies owed to the school in a clearly marked envelope.

### **Hot School Meals**

Our school will continue to avail of the Hot School Meals scheme again this year. Each boy will be given a hot meal at lunch time every day at no cost to families. Hot school lunches for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will start on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. All orders should be placed on the new **LunchClub** app. Please see note on Aladdin about switching over to the new app. All boys should bring their own spoon and fork to school each day.

**2<sup>nd</sup> classes should bring their own lunches to school until they have been setup on this new service. A letter will issue to parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys on Wednesday.**

### **Contact Details**

It has never been more important to have your contact details up-to-date. Please update on Aladdin or alternatively contact the office.

We are aware that this may be an anxious time for many parents and children, but boys will be returning to a very safe school environment. The control measures implemented in the last school year worked very well, and with your continued co-operation, I have no doubt they will continue to be successful this year.

Please talk to your son before coming to school on Wednesday and assure him that he will have a very enjoyable experience in school. We look forward to seeing everyone next week and wish everyone a successful year.

Should you have any queries please contact the school by email [info@nenaghcbasp.ie](mailto:info@nenaghcbasp.ie) or by phone 067 32748.

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