



HOLY FAMILY JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL

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TO: Parents of Children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants & First Standard

Dear Parents

As you are aware the Government has published the *Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business*. This sees a Five Phase reopening over 15 weeks. Phase 1 is due to begin May 18th. The document is described as "living" and the schedule offered may change in response to the progression or suppression of the disease. While it is very disappointing not to be able to see the children before the summer, for now we will continue to post the worklists and support the children's learning via e-mail.

While the situation remains very fluid we can now begin to plan for the coming year. I write to share these plans with you.

REOPENING & SAFETY

A Phased reopening of schools is planned from the beginning of the academic year 2020/21. As we share a campus with the Senior school, we must consider the school population of approximately 1350 pupils and 150 staff who are onsite on any given school day. This is before any parents come onsite. This presents with considerable challenges with regard to social distancing requirements. We will look to the Department of Education & Skills and Patron for guidance on these issues.

The Safety of all is the priority for both Boards and they must be satisfied that the school can meet all requirements from the Department of Education & Skills and NPHE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR

Many of you have enquired about the arrangements for next year. Given that we did not finish this year and there cannot be a definite plan for reopening as in normal years, I am delighted to be able to tell you that your child will transfer to the next standard, with the same teacher (where possible) for school year 20/21. Your child's teacher will contact you with arrangements for the coming year.

Booklists for 20/21 will be forwarded at a later date. Any remaining Art & Craft materials already purchased for the current year will transfer with your child's class. In recognition of this the normal €70/€80 charge for Art/Crafts/Photocopying/ Book Rental/Copies/School Journal will be reduced to €50 per pupil in every standard. We will also be introducing "On-Line Payments System" and will supply you with the full details, when operational.

If your child is not returning to this school, please e-mail the school at hfjns3.ias@eircom.net as Department of Education & Skills must be notified and transfer documents will need to be completed for your new school.

To the boys and girls - We all miss you very much and know you are missing your friends. We are really looking forward to seeing you all after the summer. We love hearing about how you are getting on and I think the videos and photos you are sending in are fantastic. You have some wonderful ideas, well done!

Kind regards

Declan Power

Declan Power, Principal

13TH May 2020