



SAINT MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

Eco-School Green Flag Award 2017

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Dear Parents,

To support the safe reopening of our school we have introduced a Charter, which outlines the expectations of parents with regard to COVID-19.

The aim of this Charter is to help alleviate some concerns regarding your child (ren)'s return to school and to help protect against the risk posed by COVID-19. The protection, safety and well-being of our schooling community is of utmost importance.

In order to be fully effective and safeguard everyone these expectations must be adhered to by all within our schooling community. We are reliant on every family accepting and abiding by the principles of the Charter. There will be no tolerance of deliberate or intentional breaches of this agreement.

I must stress that parents **must not**, under any circumstances send their child (ren) to school with any symptoms of illness however mild, including high temperature (37.8C or above), diarrhoea, nausea, sore throat, cough, loss of smell/ change to normal taste, rashes etc. The school reserves the right to refuse entry to any child where there are legitimate COVID-19 concerns regarding his/ her health and it will be the parents responsibility to arrange for their child (ren) to be collected from school.

We also ask you to contact the school office if your child is unwell, for whatever reason, and is not attending school on a particular day. This must be followed up with a handwritten note upon their return to school.

A Copy of the Charter is attached at the back of this letter for your records. A further copy is also contained within this pack for your signature. I ask you to take time to familiarise yourself with the Charter and return the signed copy to the school, along with all of the other signed documents, in the envelope supplied by Friday 4th September.

I thank you in advance for your continuing cooperation and support in this crucial matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gilchrist
Principal



Charter for the Safe Operation of our School

Expectations of Parents

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- I am aware of the symptoms of COVID-19: high temperature (37.8C or above); a new/ continuous cough; or a loss/change of smell/ taste.
- I am committed to protecting the school community and I will not send my child to school if he/she or any member of the household is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.
- I will keep my child at home if any member of the household has any symptoms of illness, however mild, including high temperature, diarrhoea, nausea, sore throat, cough or loss of smell/ change to normal taste, rashes etc.

Preparations for each School day

- I will carry out a daily temperature check for each child every morning before he/she attends school. Children with a temperature of 37.8C or above should not attend school.
- I will remind my child of the importance of good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- If travelling by car, I will drop off/ collect my child in the designated area and at the designated times.

COVID-19 Concerns

- I give permission for school staff to carry out temperature checks, where appropriate.
- Should the school have any concerns about my child displaying COVID-19 symptoms, I will arrange for my child (ren) to be collected promptly from school.
- I will follow current PHA guidance regarding the next steps of managing COVID-19 symptoms.
- I will inform the school immediately if there is anyone in my household with any COVID-19 symptoms by telephoning 028427 28278 or by e-mailing MR Gilchrist at pgilchrist570@c2kni.net.
- I will inform the school if my child is off school for any reason other than COVID symptoms by telephoning the office on 028427 28278 or by e-mailing Mr Gilchrist at pgilchrist570@c2kni.net