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| |  | | --- | |  |   **Breakfast and School Lunches**  Make sure your child has their breakfast before they go to school. Your child is not themselves when they are hungry.  School lunches are provided free of charge. The children bring home the finished lunch bag for two reasons (a) to let you know what they have eaten at school and (b) to teach them about being responsible for disposing of their own rubbish.  **How do I help my child to be organised for school?**  Have uniform or tracksuit ready the night before- uniform Mon- Wed and tracksuit Thurs and Fri  Hair needs to be tied back neatly and checked weekly for head lice- watch for sleepovers/playdates as head lice is a community problem and doesn’t just occur at school.  Schoolbag ready the night before with pencils pared, copies lined ready for work.  **Our Top Priority**  This year our top priority is everyone’s health and wellbeing as they return to their academic routine. |  | **What do I do if my child is unwell?**  If your child has any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and contact your GP, monitor at home for 48 hours:  temperature  cough loss or changed sense of taste or smell shortness of breath  fatigue, aches or pains,  other uncommon symptoms of Covid-19: such as sore throat, headaches, diarrhoea, runny or stuffy nose or feeling sick or vomiting  Please do not sent your child to school if they are living with someone who has Covid Symptoms/awaiting Covid test/Covid Positive  **Dropping your child to school.**  When you are entering and leaving the school grounds, you are asked to keep to the left. If an obstruction is in your way (e.g. a parent and a buggy coming the other direction), you are asked to stand to the side and wait until the obstruction has passed.  **Collecting your child from school and wearing masks.**  For parents and guardians collecting children at home time, please stay 2 metres away from one another and wear a mask. Contact the office if you wish to arrage a phone meeting with your daughter’s teacher. |  | |  | | --- | | 3rd and 4th Class FAQs | |  | | 2021-2022 | |  | |

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| **What time does school start and finish?**   * School starts at 8.50 and ends at 2.30. * It is important for the children to be in school every day and to be on time. * Early collection should be avoided unless absolutely necessary. Follow the instructions at the door for signing out your child. * If your child is absent, please write a note to explain the absence in the back of the Homework Journal.   **Does my child need to be collected by a parent?**  Girls in 3rd class must be collected by a parent or a note stating that the child can walk home alone must be given to class teacher. Girls in 4th classes do not need to be collected at the door.  *Remind the children if you are not at the pick-up point that they should wait a few minutes and then return to the main door and ring the bell to contact the office.* |  | **Your Contact Information**  Please ensure that contact numbers in the office and in the front page of your child’s journal are correct. Please let us know if you change your phone number.  **How do I get in contact with the class teacher?**   * If you do need to speak to your child’s teacher, please make an appointment using the school journal or contact the office where Siobhán will contact the teacher and organise a suitable time for a phone call. * Don’t wait until the Parent Teacher meetings if you are worried about your child. **What days does my child wear their tracksuit?** * Tracksuits days are Thursday and Friday * Uniform days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday * Please label all clothes, including coats. |  | **How long should my child spend on her homework.**   * 3rd Class homework take about 30 minutes. * 4th Class homework takes about 40 minutes.   This is an average time as each child is different. We generally give Maths, English and Irish reading, English and Irish spellings and some writing. They may also have to learn a poem, list of counties etc. That time doesn’t include breaks. It just means actual homework.  It’s best to stick to a routine for homework and to do it shortly after school as the children will be too tired later. If they ask for help, then by all means help them but please don’t do the homework for them. Remember to sign your child’s journal after you have checked her Homework.  **They are Children not Mini-Adults**  Children are very sensitive to the moods of the adults in their lives. It is all our job to help them enjoy their childhood. |