

## Scoil Mhuire, Horeswood

### First Day at School- COVID-19 Procedures

#### **Preparation**

- It is really important that parents and pupils are preparing for what is a most wonderful day in each child's life.
- Try to be as positive as possible. Ask them to draw or paint a picture for their teacher.
- Talk about all the lovely things they will do in school and reassure them that they will really enjoy seeing their friends.

#### **Arrival at School**

- Three designated times have been given for each colour coded group
- 9.00am Red Group
- 9.10am Yellow Group
- 9.20 Blue Group
- Parents are asked to be punctual and to arrive at the designated time.
- They can proceed to the bottom door which exits out onto the yard.
- Parents will be greeted at the entry door by an SEN teacher and SNA.
- 5 children will enter the school at one time and proceed to the infant classroom.
- They will be accompanied by **one** parent only.
- On entry to the school, **parents must wear** a mask and **use hand sanitiser** on entry and exit.
- Parents will be asked to seat their child in their designated seat and leave the classroom in a timely manner to allow the next group of 5 pupils and their parents to enter the classroom.
- Parents are asked to please adhere to social distance when waiting outside.
- If parents are anxious because their child was upset when they were leaving, please feel free to contact the school office by telephone later that morning.
- We are trying to find a balance between safety of pupils, parents and staff and ensuring that children settle into their classroom.
- Parents are not permitted to enter any other classroom.
- It will be possible that children may be upset. It is unfortunate that parents cannot stay in the classroom for an extended period due to the times we are experiencing. I can assure you that they are with a very experienced teacher and are in very capable hands.

#### **Collection**

- Children will be going home at 12.00pm for the first two days and the following week. (The last day of 12.00pm finish is Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>).
- Children can be collected at the door which exits onto the playground (Where they were dropped off).

- The times for collection are as follows
- 11.50am, Red Group
- 12.00pm Yellow Group
- 12.10pm Blue Group
- Please be as punctual as possible when collecting the children.
- Please ensure social distancing when waiting for children to be collected.

We hope your child enjoys the last few days of their summer holidays and we are really looking forward to welcoming them into this exciting new chapter of their lives.

Brian Flood  
Principal

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Junior Infants teacher