



Updated Guidance COVID-19 – February 28th 2022 Scoil Mhuire, Horeswood

Hand Hygiene

The promotion of good hand hygiene is very important. Pupils will be required to continue to sanitise regularly during the school day. Parents who supply sanitiser for their children are asked to continue to do so.

Mask Wearing

The mandatory requirement for pupils in 3rd to 6th class and school staff to wear face coverings will no longer be in place from Monday, February 28th. Pupils and staff, may if they wish continue to wear masks. Visitors to the school are no longer required to wear face coverings, however this is still advised.

School Transport/School Trips

The wearing of face coverings on school transport and on public transport is no longer required, however this is still advised.

Class Pods/Bubbles

The school has been informed that class pods and bubbles are no longer necessary. This means that group work and inter class activities can continue as normal.

Arrival and Dismissal

Children can be dropped to school after 9.10am each morning and collected at 2.00pm (Junior and Senior Infants) and 3.00pm. All children will be dismissed together. There will no longer be staggered drop off or dismissal times.

For the moment we ask that children proceed directly to their classrooms in the morning. Further information on dismissal and arrival will be provided by the school Board of Management in due course.

Breaktimes

The existing staggered breaktimes will continue temporarily for all pupils and staff. A review of this practice will take place shortly and further information will be communicated to parents as soon as possible.

Children will continue to play with their class groups on the yard as always.

Other school activities

The school has been informed that it is now possible to return to team sports, singing, school band, external coaches visiting the school and other inter school activities.

COVID-19

Those experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home. Antigen testing arrangements will remain in place.

If the school is informed by a parent that a child has a positive COVID-19 result, we will continue to notify class groups and parents can continue to antigen test.

Antigen tests can be ordered by telephoning 1800-110055 or www.hse.ie/schooltest