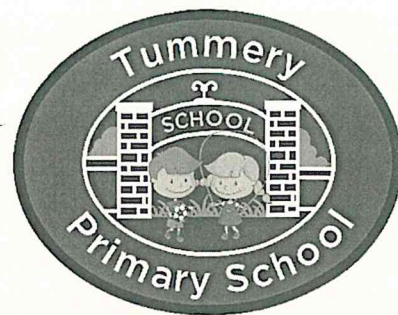


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School reopening update

Dear parents / guardians,

As we prepare for the reopening of school, the academic year of 2020-2021 will be like no other.

With the information from the Minister we are able to welcome back all our pupils on Tuesday 1st September, with our Primary 7 pupils starting on the 24th August.

Returning to school now after almost 6 months away will take some getting used to, so pastoral care and settling back into school will be pivotal in our first few days back in school. The initial return will focus on pastoral and social elements as well as learning the new COVID-19 protocols required within and around the school.

Things will have to be somewhat different this year for the interest and safety of all pupils and staff.

I would ask that all pupils wash their hands before they come to school and for those travelling on public transport to please ensure that they wear a facemask.

Drop-off and collection of pupils

At the minute we would request that parents do not enter the school grounds when dropping off or collecting children.

Entering the school

For the main school building pupils are to enter via the back door, where they should sanitise their hands and proceed to their classroom to wash their hands and the children going into the mobile will also have a sanitisation station at the door and likewise wash their hands thoroughly.

Leaving the school

Foundation stage children will be brought to the front doors of the school at 2pm and you can collect your child / children from one of the three gates.

Items to bring to school

Children are permitted to bring a pencil case with their stationery to school on the first day. This will remain in school and will be used only by themselves.

I would also ask that each child brings in a water bottle with their name clearly marked on it and this can be refilled in school. With hygiene restrictions we will not be able to re-use plastic tumblers for water.

If each child brings in their own packet of tissues so that they are easy accessible and will be for their sole use.

For break / children having lunch please bring your items in a wipe-able bag or alternatively in a disposable bag so that everything can be discarded after eating. School bags will not be required at the present time.

Over the next few days I will send you further documentation about curriculum areas such as homework and reading, and how we will manage that moving forward.

Do not attend school

Your child should not attend school or anyone you live with if they have any of the following symptoms:

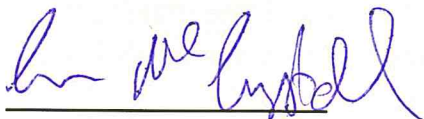
- **A high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **A new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- **A loss or change in sense of smell or taste.**

If your child or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms above you should get a test for Covid-19.

I appreciate that there may be some children and parents who are anxious about the reopening of the school site and our aim is to alleviate those concerns during our first few weeks of school. The school day will, most certainly, look different to what we were all familiar with prior to Covid-19.

We look forward to welcoming all the boys and girls back so they can have the opportunity to learn lots of new and exciting things in a safe, happy environment.

Many thanks,



Conor McCrystall
Principal