

# St. Cuana's N.S. Kilcoona, Headford, Co. Galway

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Friday, August 28, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **Welcome Back...**

Céad míle fáilte ar ais ar scoil roimh gach aon duine. On behalf of the Board of Management, the teaching staff and myself, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our pupils to St. Cuana's N.S., Kilcoona for another school year **beginning Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September**. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again and extend a very warm welcome to the children and families that have joined our school community this year.

Welcome back to all our staff and special welcome to our new staff member, Ms. Laura Quinn and welcome back to Mr. Éanna Glynn who has rejoined our team. We also welcome Mr. Rónán Regan, Ms. Julie Popplewell and Ms. Anna Marie Coyle who have some hours in Kilcoona shared with other schools in the locality.

What a strange time we have all been through! It continues to feel surreal as we live with new safety measures and routines. We are delighted that our school family are all happy, healthy and ready to see each other again. We have worked hard to get our school ready to accept everyone back together. We are lucky with our school building, we have bright spacious rooms, fire exit doors off each room, toilets and sinks available for each class to use and ample outdoor space to utilise for break times.

A big thank you to the staff of Kilcoona who have embraced all the changes put in place and given their time to ensure the classrooms are well laid out for all our students. We know that next Tuesday will be a day filled with many emotions, we understand that and we will be gentle and caring with our students as they return to the school setting.

## **Support**

We are always grateful to our parent body in Kilcoona as we receive a great deal of parental support. This year, more than ever, we will need your help to ensure we can adhere to the guidelines as set out by the Department of Education & Skills.

1. The school doors will not open until 8.50a.m. If you are on the school grounds before this time we ask you to keep your child with you, remain in your car. There is a 15minute window to allow the children enter the building, we will keep this under review.
2. For children in the younger classes, or children with SEN, we are happy for parents to walk their child to within 2m of their class entry point, as long as social distancing is observed. This will be reviewed if social distancing is not upheld.
3. As parking is limited we expect most children to leave their cars independently, safely walk to their entry door, sanitise their hands and

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go directly to their classroom, your support with this new routine is greatly appreciated.

4. At pick up, we ask that once you have your child, you go to your car and exit the school grounds immediately. We have to uphold all government guidelines regarding Covid-19 on the school campus.

### **Traffic**

It is going to be a busy time at the school for drop off and pick up. We need everyone to be as patient as possible with us as we implement the new routines, the health and safety of the students entering and exiting the building is our number one priority. There are road works happening on the Mausrevagh road, it may be something to consider as you make your journey to the school.

### **Contributions**

Thank you for supporting our school with the annual school contribution. We are immensely grateful for your help with this, – the 24-hour insurance, homework diary, photocopying and art and craft are important items that need to be in place for our children. Banking Online is our preferred method to receive the contribution, you will find our banking details below.

We completely understand and are mindful that it is an expensive time of year for parents, and many families may have had a change in circumstances due to the pandemic, any family that wishes to pay the contribution in stages is more than welcome to do so.

### **ONLINE BANKING DETAILS**

**BANK:** BOI, Main Street, Headford

**IBAN:** IE95 BOFI 9038 7536 5800 35

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

Finally, we wish to thank each and every one of you who continue to support our school in so many different ways. We have an amazing staff who are instrumental in creating a caring and happy atmosphere for our students to learn in. We could never have foreseen the changes that have come about since March 12th, but **finally**, we are beyond excited to warmly welcome back our students who make Kilcoona N.S. the special place it is.

Yours sincerely,  
Sabrina Melvin  
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