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<p>The best way to prevent the spread of Covid 19 in a school is to minimise the risk of introduction of the disease into the school setting in the first place.” (Covid Response Plan, p.7)</p>	
<p><i>This is a working document. It will be reviewed regularly and measures will remain in place only as long as necessary. It is likely that aspects may change as the situation evolves.</i></p>	
<p>Resources for pupils and families</p> 	<p>Training for pupils and their families is being prepared by the government and will be available at https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/</p>
<p>Foreign Travel</p> 	<p>Families must respect government guidelines in relation to foreign travel. https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/75d92-covid-19-travel-advice/</p> <p>Any pupil who has travelled to a foreign country (not on the green list) <u>must restrict his/ her movement for 14 days and should not attend school.</u></p>
<p>Illness</p> 	<p>We will depend on every family's cooperation in keeping pupils with any symptoms of Covid 19 at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High temperature ● Breathing difficulty ● Cough ● Sudden loss of taste or smell ● Flu-like symptoms ● <p>If a child displays symptoms at school, he/she will be brought to the isolation area and a parent will be contacted to collect the pupil immediately. In the case of a positive Covid test, the HSE will contact all relevant parents and staff who have come into close contact. The school has no role in contact tracing or informing those who may have come in contact with a pupil or staff member who tests positive.</p>






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<p>Staggered Start/Finish Times</p> 	<p>Pupils have been assigned a start slot of either 8:30-8:50 OR 8:50-9:10 to avoid large numbers gathering on the schoolyard at the same time. There are also 2 staggered finish times for infants 1:10/1:30 (infants) and 2:10/2:30 (1st-6th). We encourage parents to stagger their children's entry <u>within</u> their time slot. In the case of siblings at different times, families can choose to arrive at the end of one slot/start of the next. The first 20 minutes of school is timetabled as 'assembly time', no formal instruction takes place and no pupil will be marked absent at this time.</p>
<p>Access to School</p> 	<p>Access to the school building is limited to staff, pupils and pre-approved essential visitors only.</p>
<p>Access to Schoolyard</p> 	<p><u>Pupils from second class</u> must enter the yard unaccompanied. Infants- first class may be accompanied by 1 adult. Please leave once the door is opened, respect 2m distancing on site and leave the school yard promptly.</p>
<p>Early Collections</p> 	<p>Early collections can only be facilitated for <u>essential appointments and emergency situations</u>. Please enter under the canopy and use the intercom by the front door to contact the front reception. Your child will be called and will meet you under the canopy.</p>
<p>Dropping off Forgotten Items</p> 	<p>Insofar as possible, please do not drop in forgotten items. Exceptions only for essential e.g. lunch. Please enter under the canopy and use the intercom by the front door to contact front reception, letting us know your child and teacher's name. Then place the item on the 'forgotten items' table and your child/teacher may collect it at his/ her yard break.</p>



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<p>Communicating with Teachers</p> 	<p>It will not be possible to speak to teachers informally before/after school as in previous years. A phone call can be arranged as needed by request through info@stpatricksns.ie. For other matters please also use info@stpatricksns.ie</p>
<p>Items (coming in and out of school)</p> 	<p>Pupils need only bring a <u>water bottle and lunch</u> box to school. A small bottle of sanitiser is recommended from first class upwards. All <u>stationery</u> will be provided by the school for each individual child. <u>Books</u> from the school's shared book scheme, will be assigned per child and be used by one child only.</p>
<p>Teacher Absence and Substitution</p> 	<p>In the event that the teacher is unable to attend school, every effort will be made to secure a substitute teacher for the class. If a substitute teacher is not available and it is not possible to reallocate a non-mainstream teacher, it is not appropriate for the class to be divided into groups and accommodated in other classes. <u>In such (hopefully rare) circumstances, it may not be possible for the class to attend on that day. If that is the case, as much notice as possible will be given to parents</u></p>