



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.

Principal: Darragh Roe
Roll No 20352T



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Dear Ard Rí Community,

There's not long to go now!! We cannot wait to see you all back at school. Preparations are going well and we are on schedule to welcome our Junior Infants on Wednesday 26th of August and all pupils on Thursday 27th of August. We are putting systems in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 for children, your families, staff and the wider community. As always we will strive to provide a supportive environment for teaching and learning.

Here is a reminder of what you will need to get you started:

- [School uniform and tracksuit](#)
- School bag big enough to carry A4 size folders
- [Lunchbox for a healthy lunch](#)
- Reusable water-bottle
- A coat
- Wellies (Junior Infants to 1st Class)
- Packet of disposable tissues
- There will be two wall mounted and one portable hand sanitiser points in each room. It would still be no harm to pop a small personal hand sanitiser into the lunch bag or side pocket of the school bag
- Pencil case- this year we must ensure children have their own stationery in a simple pencil case as follows:

Jl, Sl, 1 st	2 nd , 3 rd	4 th , 5 th , 6 th
5 triangular grip pencils	5 HB pencils	5 HB pencils
Sharpener – large enough to pare triangular pencil	Sharpener	Sharpener
Rubber	Rubber	Rubber
Twistables	Twistables/ colouring pencils	Colouring pencils
	2 red biros	2 red biros
	30cm ruler	30 cm ruler
		Pupils with pen licence can use handwriting pen
Pritt Stick	Pritt Stick	Pritt Stick
Please note:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All stationary is to be labelled with your child's name• Markers are not permitted in school• Pencil cases will be kept in school to reduce risk of transmission		

- Please pay your school fees before school begins. Debi will resend the Way2Pay link by text next week.



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Next week we will let you know about all the steps we will be taking to avoid the introduction of COVID-19 into the school and the steps we will be taking to reduce the likelihood of spreading the virus within the school itself.

At this point I can tell you:

1. Staggered Drop-Off: To minimise congregation in the morning we will be admitting children straight to their rooms between 8.50 and 9.10. You will have options to 'drop and go' and 'park and walk'. Only children can pass the green school gate. Siblings will not have different start times.
2. Staggered Collection: There will be a 10 minute window to collect JI, SI, 1st and 2nd Classes from their classroom and 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th will be collected from different points around the Rugby Club campus.
3. The aim of the system within the school is that class groupings mix only with their own class from arrival at school until departure at the end of the school day. For this reason we will not be in a position to run after school until we are confident we can put a safe system in place

Some children will be looking forward to coming back and seeing their friends. They will run in the gate. We know too well some other children will be very anxious about returning after 6 months out of the classroom. There will be a lot to get used to and it will take a while to get back into the routine. We will be very sensitive to allow children time to re-adjust to school life. In order to soften the transition, there will be no homework for the month of September while we revise and assess where the children are at. Your family will also need time to re-establish its equilibrium. We recommend you take time every evening to sit down and have a chat about the day, read a book, be creative and get some exercise. When we feel the rhythm of school life has been restored, we will proceed to challenge the children academically.

If you are particularly worried about your child's return to school please email ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie and we will help to support you.

Make the most of the next few weeks. Observe social distancing, good cough etiquette and wash your hands. I will be in touch again next week to let you know greater detail about our COVID-19 Response Plan.

Kind regards,

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