

St Joseph's BNS Autumn Newsletter 2020

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St Joseph's has had a very positive start back to school for the past 2 months and wants to thank all the staff, parents and especially the pupils for adapting to our new regimes and routines. All is going smoothly so far for our school community but if we are put to the test, these routines and procedures will ensure that we stay in a position to provide education in the school setting.

If the situation changes, we have made plans and are prepared to continue through remote teaching and learning if necessary. Thank you to those who signed the consent forms for use of digital recording in school and for the digital platforms we are availing of. A gentle reminder to those who have not yet signed these forms to please do so – your class teacher can send them to you via email again if needed.

Please note that we will continue to stagger start and finish times. Mask wearing by adults is expected while waiting for pupils, or if entering school grounds and we urge you to avoid congregation at school access points.

We will continue to have our windows/doors open to facilitate ventilation, and even though our heating will be on full time, we advise that the boys wear warm clothing under their uniform/tracksuit. Wearing a good coat that can protect in drizzly weather is also required every day, as we will be outside getting fresh air whenever possible.

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We hope you have enjoyed the midterm break and that the boys return to school on Monday November 2nd invigorated and ready for more learning and fun.

It is important that the boys come to school every day when they are well. This year however we must take extra precautions because of Covid-19.

We thank you for keeping your child home when he is unwell and for getting advice from your GP if he has any of the Covid-19 symptoms. Sometimes we may need to contact you if your child says he is not feeling well and we thank you again for coming promptly to collect him when needed.

For more advice on what to do if you are told your child is a close contact or if your child presents with Covid like symptoms, click on the following link;

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/child-close-contact-covid-19-school.html>

Up to date information and advice on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is available on www.hse.ie If you have any queries you can call HSELive on 1850 24 1850

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Below you will see a few snap shots of our art work, and class lessons so far this year. For more detailed accounts please go to our webpage on: www.stjosephsterenure.ie or follow us on twitter @stjosephsbns

Dr Tony Holohan was very impressed with our Student Council and class posters on how we are coping with Covid.

He said 'Very good messages here from the boys! Well done to them all!'



Above: Infants learning how to use digital platforms

Remember we will be having fun outside – anywhere and everywhere, whenever we can!



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Road Safety lesson with Susan our fantastic school traffic warden followed by a walk to Bushy to practice our Safe Cross Code.



Art work and creativity helps us connect and understand the world.



Halloween art and dress up – great fun indeed!

