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Robertstown National School

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Dear Parents,

We extend a special welcome to our new Junior Infants and to all the new pupils who have joined throughout the school. Everyone is settling very well into their new school.

From Thursday 10th of September, Junior Infants pupils will start school at 8.55am and finish at 1.35pm.

Welcome to new teaching staff member, **Ms. Comerford** our Third Class teacher.

Pupils were given **school insurance forms last week**, it is recommended that all students avail of this service. Application forms still need to be completed and returned to the office, if you are purchasing the insurance. Deadline for payment is Friday 25th of September.

If someone different is collecting your child, please ensure to notify your child's class teacher in advance.

Pupil's from 3rd to 6th class who walk or cycle home must give a note of permission to their class teacher. Parents may email the class teacher or send in a note.

As a number of children in our school suffer from **allergies, nuts or products/foods containing nuts** e.g. nutella are not permitted in school.

Food containing raw eggs e.g. mayonnaise or coleslaw are not permitted in school as we have children allergic to eggs in school.

Please update any relevant medical information in our attached Administration of Medicines/Monitoring of Medical Condition form and return to the office at your earliest convenience.

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Attached please find the recent document issued by the HSE – the School Pathways document. This document provides information about a potential case in a school, the decision making pathways for assessing and testing children and what happens when there is a negative or positive result. The school's patron has also provided a 'Key Points' document, which is attached.

The document states that "children with a blocked or runny nose, but no fever can attend school or childcare, but if they require paracetamol or ibuprofen for their symptoms, they must not attend school for 48 hours and GP assessment for testing is indicated."

Schools **do not** need to inform parents that a pupil or teacher has been removed due to their symptoms. **Other pupils or staff do not need to be removed from class.** HSE Departments of Public Health will take action if the person has confirmed Covid-19 infection on testing, which will include HSE advice and guidance on communication to school pupils and staff where needed.

The parents / legal guardian of the sick child should contact their GP as usual, to discuss clinical concerns. **If it is determined by the GP that the child/pupil requires to be tested for Covid-19, any other household contacts should be removed from the school setting.**

If a symptomatic child has a Covid-19 'not detected' result, the child should remain at home until he/she is clinically well enough to return to school, unless parents are specifically asked by HSE Public Health for their child to remain excluded because of other investigations e.g. if the child is a known close contact of a now confirmed case.

All diarrhoea symptoms need to have been resolved for 48 hours prior to return to school.

Confirmed cases will be contacted directly by the contact tracing centres and case information and contact identification will be initiated. Public health will urgently discuss with the school to establish any appropriate exclusions, i.e. advice to isolate for identified staff or students and to remove from school setting based on an informed Public Health Risk Assessment.

Parental Responsibility

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We are adhering strictly to all public health measures in school to keep Robertstown NS Covid Free. We want to thank all parents and guardians for supporting all the protocols in place and ask you to continue to ensure that you continue to follow procedure at all times. Please do not hang around the school wall after collection or drop off times. This is leading to unnecessary gatherings.

Many thanks for the all the lovely toys donated towards our Aistear collection. The pupils in infant classes are delighted with their new resources.

Yours sincerely

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