

Re-opening Firhouse Educate Together N.S. September 2020

Information for Parents, Guardians &
Pupils in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th
Classes



This document will cover:

- **Entry and exit**
- **What can my child/children bring to school?**
- **Hand washing and hygiene**
- **Lunch**
- **Use of masks and PPE**
- **Wellbeing**



Arrival: 1st to 6th Class

- **1st to 6th Class:** Children will enter through the **front door** of school, keeping their distance from the children in front of them and proceed up the main stairs to their classrooms along the one way system within the building. Parents/Guardians are requested to refrain from approaching school doors. Please let your child / children walk to the school doors without you as you can watch them from a distance and our staff will be out in the grounds to ensure the children enter the building safely.
- **Children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Class (as well as any siblings of these children) should enter the school at 08:20.**
- **Children in 1st and 2nd Class (as well as any siblings of these children) should enter the school at 08:25.**

Dismissal: 1st to 6th Classes

Pupils in 1st - 6th Class will leave the building at staggered times and through different doors to prevent a mixing of classes and to promote physical distancing. There will be three distinct departure times with two doors used at each time. Please see the table below to find the relevant time and door for each class group:

Dismissal time	Door 1: Main Door Main Stairs	Door 2: GP Hall (FETSS sign) Main Stairs	Door 3: GP Hall Orange Stairs
13:55	4th Class (Conor)	6th Class (Paul)	5th Class (Anna)
14:00	3rd Class (Edel)	3rd Class (John)	2nd Class (Sarah Mc)
14:05	1st Class (Celine)	1st Class (Georgia)	2nd Class (Holly)

Dismissal: 1st to 6th Class

Children walking/cycling to/from school with permission to go home independently will be at the top of their class line to exit the building first and go home. Permission must be given in writing to the pupil's Class Teacher at the beginning of each school year.



What can my child/children bring to school? (resources)

- **1st to 6th Class:** Children should bring 1 pencil, 1 rubber, 1 sharpener, 1 Glue Stick, maximum of 12 colouring pencils in a pencil case. *(These materials will stay in school.)*
- Pupils will be sent home each day with a **maximum** of 2 books and 2 copies for homework. Pupils will be asked to wipe each of these in class at the start of each day.



What can my child/children bring to school? (clothes)

- Children need to bring an art shirt that is labelled with their name. This will be kept in the pupil's bag during the school day.
- Children should bring a change of clothes that are labelled with their names. These will also be kept in their school bags.
- Children's coats must be clearly labelled with their names. Coats will be hung inside/outside the classroom on coat hooks, separated for different pods.



Bringing in Lunch:

- Please provide your child with their own water bottle and lunch box which are both clearly labelled with their name.
- These will be stored in the pupils' scholbags under their desks in their pods.
- All waste must be brought home by each child in their lunch box.
- Lunch containers should be washed thoroughly each evening at home.
- Sharing of lunches will not be permitted.
- No utensils will be provided in school.
- Please peel any oranges for the junior classes.



Handwashing and hygiene

- Pupils will wash their hands on arrival at school using the correct procedure. This will be demonstrated by staff members and hand washing song learnt.
- Pupils will also wash their hands before and after:
 - Eating
 - Playing in the yard
 - Participating in Physical Education
 - Using toilets
 - Using shared resources
- Pupils will also wash their hands at other times as required and before going home at the end of the school day.



Use of Masks and PPE



- We recommend that staff will wear masks during collection and pick up times. Staff are also required to wear masks where a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.
- Should a pupil wear a mask, we request that a clean mask is worn each day.
- Parents/Guardians are also advised to wear masks during pick up and drop off.
- **Remember: Wearing a face covering or mask does not overrule the requirement to stay at home if displaying symptoms of Covid-19.**

Wellbeing

Covid-19 has brought challenges for all members of our school community. Our aim in Firhouse ETNS is to support and develop our pupils wellbeing, to continue to build resilience, to keep them active and connected and to ensure a positive engagement with learning. There is no doubt that our return to school will be different and some pupils may feel anxious about this. However, most pupils will re-engage after an initial settling in period.

Wellbeing

The wellbeing of school communities at this time is guided by five essential principles:

- A sense of safety
- A sense of calm
- A sense of belonging and connectedness to school
- A sense of self-efficacy and school-community efficacy
- A sense of hope (Roadmap, 2020)



What has changed?

We will come in through the **front door** and walk up the main stairs to the classroom.

We will use hand sanitizer when we enter and leave the school building.

We will walk in one direction around the school. Look at the arrows.

Adults will wear masks and visors sometimes :)

We will only use our own pencils, colours, rubbers or rulers.

If we share resources (maths cubes, tablets, whiteboards, toys) we will wipe them clean.

We will wash our hands before and after eating, using toilets, going to yard and in between.

We will bring our own cutlery for lunch and bring home all waste in our lunchboxes.

We will be learning outdoors so always have a rain jacket and change of clothes.



What is still the same?

We enjoy meeting our friends and our teachers in school.

We do our best work in school.

We have fun in school, in class, at P.E., on the yard.

We stretch our brains to learn a lot in school.

We enjoy using computers in school.

We share our thoughts and our jokes in class.

We are kind to everyone in school and they are kind to us.

We laugh a lot.

We help each other.

We run, hop, jump and skip and this year we will play on our new Climbing Frame!

Together we will have a great year ahead!