



R.S.M.P. School and Nursery Class Newsletter

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September News

Dear Parent / Carer

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone in the school community for making the return to school as smooth as it has been. Children in class are working hard and have settled back into school routines really well. Below are a few important news items that we would like you to take the time to read.

Staffing:



Mrs. Carol Devanney, our school team leader, has been asked by SLC to help train other Team Leaders across the area and cover in other schools where this is needed. Carol has led our team of support staff with great commitment and skill. We will miss her (even though she will still be based here each Monday for the next few weeks). I would like to thank her for all that she has done for the school, and wish her every success as she moves on.

Mrs. Eleanor Kidd has come to replace Carol. She will be a class based Team Leader. Mrs. Donna Mackie (AKA Donna Stillie) will now be based in the school office with Mrs. Rowan.

Home Learning and homework:

We have chosen to start homework for all school children after the September Weekend. The delayed start to homework has given us time to consider how we manage resources in a way that is safe. All resources, like reading books, will be 'quarantined' for 72 hours after return to the school to ensure that they are clean and hygienic before being used by another child/family. Teachers have discussed routines and will let you know what their class will be doing.

Latecomers:

As we are using class doors and different entry/exit points, we need to ensure that children arriving late are correctly marked on the register and are able to order lunches as before. If your child **arrives after 9.10am** please **enter through the front door**. (P1, P2, P2/3 and P3/4 door will be closed and teachers will ask you to go round to the front door).

COVID -19 and colds:



With the return to school we have seen (as expected) a number of children picking up colds. Please remember that you only need to isolate and get a Covid-19 test if you have one of the following symptoms - continuous dry cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste and smell.

If your child or a member of the family has any of the symptoms above they should book a test and let the school know. Click here for the link. [BOOKING a COVID-19 TEST](#)

Curriculum:



Our main curriculum focus has much been on the safe return of children, safety routines in school and children's emotional wellbeing. Learning and Teaching in Literacy and English and Maths and Numeracy have begun and teachers are now building towards implementing a full curriculum.

YOUR VIEWS:

We are keen to hear from our parents how you think we have done as a school on school return and what you think we could improve upon. Here is a link to a short survey: <https://forms.gle/htBmzpXN7Ux5rxJ67>