

# Carbury School

The Mall, Sligo.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),


Thank you for all your support and cooperation as we help the pupils settle back to school for the new academic year. I would also like to thank all the staff here in Carbury School for their hard work and dedication since the school reopened after the summer holidays.

As the situation currently stands, we are required to continue to follow the COVID-19 Response Plan for Term 1. This outlines the importance of adhering to procedures set up in the previous academic year.

Warm regards,

Ms. McMahon

## Morning Routine

Time	Classes	
8.55 – 9.05 am	Junior Infants, 1 <sup>st</sup> Class, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class & 5 <sup>th</sup> Class	
9.05 – 9.15 am	Senior Infants, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class, 4 <sup>th</sup> Class & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class	
<b>Note 1:</b> Pupils who come on the bus go directly to their classrooms.		
<b>Note 2:</b> If you have children in both time slots, aim for the later time of the first slot, for example a little before 9.05 am or at that time.		
<b>Note 3:</b> The teacher supervising will ensure the children have less time waiting at the gate when weather conditions are poor. Our aim is to reduce the number of children entering the school at the same time, while being mindful of the weather.		



## School Website

[www.carburyschool.com](http://www.carburyschool.com)

## Notice of Half-Day Closure

The Department of Education has advised schools to organise a half-day school closure in Term 1. This will allow teachers time to engage with Webinar 3 for the Primary Language Curriculum. As a result, please note the earlier closing times for **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**.

Time	Classes
12 pm	Junior Infants, 1 <sup>st</sup> Class, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class & 5 <sup>th</sup> Class
12.10 pm	Senior Infants, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class, 4 <sup>th</sup> Class & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class

## October Mid-Term Break

The school will be closed from Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## Best Wishes

We wish Mrs. Pearson every happiness in her new teaching position in Robertson National School. Mrs. Pearson was a valued member of the teaching team in Carbury School and will be greatly missed. As class teacher in Junior Infants, she had a very positive influence on many pupils in their first year of primary school.

We would like to welcome Ms. Grehan as our new Junior Infant teacher and as a permanent member of our teaching staff.

## Homework and School Bags

After the October mid-term break, pupils will receive daily homework and will bring a school bag for their belongings. Pupils will receive homework from Monday to Wednesday and on a Thursday, the focus will be on reading, spellings, tables and active homework. Please note the exact content of homework tasks varies depending on the class level.

## Support for Pupils

Here in Carbury School, we value the importance of group work for pupils in developing cooperative skills and facilitating peer learning. As such, the support teachers may take additional children as part of a group in order to work on aspects of language or social skills.

## Book Money

Thank you to families who have sent in book money this year. This money covers items such as rental of text books and novels, supplementary readers, art materials, copy books, folders, school diaries, photocopying and printing.

We would be grateful if any outstanding money could be sent in before the mid-term break. If you have any difficulty with the book money, please feel free to contact the office and we can discuss different options.

## Digital Technology

Two new interactive panels were fitted in the infant classrooms over the summer months and the projectors from these rooms are now being used in two of the support rooms. In addition, we have invested in a set of class iPads.

We are also in the process of updating our school website and will be in touch in the coming weeks to highlight the new features. We hope this will serve as a valuable communication tool and will provide families with an insight into the teaching and learning that takes place in Carbury School. I am very appreciative of all the support which makes school improvements like these possible.



## Update from the HSE

If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, he/she should not attend school and should stay at home for **48 hours**. Contact your GP for advice and guidance. Arrange a COVID-19 test, if appropriate.

### The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above) - including having chills
- dry cough
- fatigue (tiredness)

### Less common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this could mean they're completely gone or just different to normal
- nasal congestion (runny or blocked nose)
- conjunctivitis (also known as red eyes)
- sore throat
- headache
- muscle or joint pain (aches and pains)
- different types of skin rash
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhoea
- chills or dizziness