

Brannoxtown Community National School

Brannockstown, Co. Kildare, W91 NY67.
Principal: Dr. Sarah FitzPatrick



18th September, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you very well. Our first few weeks of reopening have been joyful and busy as we settle into new routines to support you and your child's safety and wellbeing. This letter is to check-in on these routines and to share some updates for the week ahead.

Next week we're spotlighting **positive behaviour** across all classes. Our school is a happy, positive place thanks to every child's contribution. Since we reopened, we've been focusing on what positive behaviour looks and sounds like. Today, all children will bring home a copy of our school's Positive Behaviour Policy (attached) which outlines responsibilities for staff, parents and children. Parents are asked to sign an agreement to read and support the policy. Children from 1st to 6th class also sign a child-friendly version of the agreement while children in infant classes are introduced to a picture-version of the policy.

Today, children in classes from first to sixth will bring home their **Homework Folder** (Week B) for next week, and return their Homework Folder from last week (Week A). This routine enables us to guarantee a 72-hour quarantine period for items travelling from school to home. Children participating in the Afterschool Club will bring their Homework Folder to school on Monday. Children will return their folders (with completed homework) to school on Fridays. The Homework Folder for next week will include four nights of homework (Monday to Thursday) focused on Maths and positive behaviour.

Children in all classes will also bring home their **pencil case** today, for cleaning and return to school on Monday. Thank you in advance for checking that your child has all stationery items (on the Booklist) to ensure that children use their own stationery items only. Unfortunately, stationery items, or any other items from home cannot be shared with other children in school. For this reason, children's belongings from home (e.g., toys for show-and-tell) cannot travel to school for sharing with other children; thank you for your understanding.

Our school uses the **Class Dojo** to support communications between home and school. Your child's teacher will contact you in the next week with information to help you to get set-up on the Dojo and some guidelines for using it at home. Once set-up, the Class Dojo enables your child's teacher to share information with you about his/her learning in school such as planned learning experiences for your child's class and snapshots of your child's learning at school.

Starting next week, Monday 21st, our wonderful Junior Infant children begin their longer day (ending at 1:30pm). The **set-down area** will be busier. Please support us to ensure children alight from and return to cars without delay. In the mornings, the teacher on set-down duty will help young children (in cars with child-locks) by opening the door, ensuring parents can stay in the driver seat.

On behalf of the staff and the Board of Management, thank you sincerely for your continued cooperation with all the changes/new procedures to keep our children safe and well as part of our Covid-19 Response Plan.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah FitzPatrick'.

Sarah FitzPatrick, Principal

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