

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What steps do I take if my child has Covid-19 symptoms?

Please [Click here](#) for *Schools Pathway for Covid-19, the Public Health approach*. This document outlines the steps for parents should their child have a Covid-19 symptom(s) at home, or should their child be sent home after developing (a) Covid-19 symptom(s) at school.

I am in a high risk/very high risk category (e.g. parent/sibling of pupil). My child is in a high risk category (pupil attending Lucan CNS).

Can my child avail of distance/remote learning from the school?

The answer to this question is no.

As per Department of Education and Skills (DES) direction, the school is open and all teachers are engaging in face-to-face teaching as was prior to lockdown. We will not therefore have teacher availability to accommodate remote teaching for pupils who are not very high risk category.

As per DES guidelines, the school can only accommodate pupils who have been certified as being in the very high risk category, and for whom attending school may not be appropriate. Time will be assigned to a support teacher during the school day for this purpose as necessary (see Reopening Our Schools – The Roadmap for the Full Return to Schools, pg. 45)

Pupils who do not fall in to the very high-risk category but who are not in school for another reason (e.g. general 'normal' illness, isolating after being abroad, parent has decided to keep pupil at home, etc.) cannot avail of remote learning from school. There will of course be normal class communication via Class Dojo and homework, when it recommences, will be put up on the Seesaw platform.

For parents interested in home-schooling during the Covid-19 pandemic, please see the following link: <https://www.tusla.ie/services/educational-welfare-services/information-for-parents-and-guardians/home-education-and-attending-non-recognised-schools/>

If I am walking with my child(ren) to school / collecting my child(ren) from school, do I have to use the main gate?

No - you can access/exit the campus using any gate (e.g. Rossecourt)

My child has a normal 'winter cough'. Can I send him/her to school?

No – a persistent cough is a symptom of Covid-19. Government directions are that children should not be sent to school if they are displaying a symptom of Covid-19. Any child displaying a symptom(s) of Covid-19 will be sent home.

Can more than one parent drop child(ren) to school?

No – Our main priority is to keep our pupils and staff safe as schools reopen. It is not possible to eliminate the risk of infection. However, with the co-operation of all members of our school community, it is possible to minimise the risk of the virus being introduced to the school and the consequent risk of its spread.

We realise that this is difficult, particularly with newly-enrolled pupils and Junior Infants. However, with approx. 280 pupils this year, it is essential that we keep the number of adults accessing the school campus at arrival/collection time to an absolute minimum. Parents are required to wear facemasks on campus to support our efforts to minimise the risks of transmission.

We wish to avoid a situation whereby a teacher becomes ill, and pupils have to be sent home if no class cover is available. Naturally, it will not be possible to send children to other classes this year.

Do children have to follow the uniform/tracksuit timetable over the first two days back?

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) has not issued guidance on the wearing of uniforms. It has been suggested that the risk of transmission via clothing is minimal. Each school has devised their own arrangements with regard to the wearing of uniforms. Our uniform timetabling allows for us to plan for increased PE classes in line with the DES guidelines for a restructured curriculum in Term 1, focusing on Languages, Numeracy and Well-being. It also allows for parental peace-of-mind in terms of concerns surrounding clothing.

We would ask parents to follow the uniform timetable over the first two days.

However, as there will be no PE on the Thursday and Friday as we settle back in, if parents wish for their child to wear the uniform on Thursday for photos, etc., we ask that you make your own decision as a family.