



Homework

Homework has been reviewed by the staff and **written work** will continue to be completed **in school**. This action is being taken to limit the transfer of books, copies and other objects from school to home and back again on a daily basis. This arrangement will be reviewed again at Halloween.

From next Monday October 5th **spellings, tables and reading** relevant to each class will be assigned by class teachers on a weekly basis and this will be posted on each child's Google Classroom account. This will be completed **at home**. Please see school website for a step by step guide to access your child's account. You can also email your child's class teacher for support and guidance if you are experiencing difficulties. The Google Classroom app can also be downloaded and is very user friendly.

Junior Infants: cobyrne@rathvillyns.com

Senior Infants: lobyrne@rathvillyns.com

First Class: deputyprincipal@rathvillyns.com

Second Class: afinlay@rathvillyns.com

Third Class: sotoole@rathvillyns.com

Fourth Class: fbirch@rathvillyns.com

Fifth Class: ctownsend@rathvillyns.com

Sixth Class: mkeyes@rathvillyns.com

SEN (Junior to 2nd Class) emurray@rathvillyns.com

SEN (3rd to 6th Class) mmiley@rathvillyns.com

Warm Clothing

As a result of good ventilation practices within our school as recommended by Public Health Advice we are encouraging children to **wear extra layers of clothing to school**. Particularly, when the weather turns colder.

Parent Teacher Meetings

This year Parent/Teacher meeting will be conducted by phone.

The following format will be used:

Week beginning November 2 nd	Junior Infants 2pm to 3pm	1 st class 3pm to 4pm
Week beginning November 9 th	Senior Infants 2pm to 3pm	2 nd class 3pm to 4pm
Week beginning November 16 th	3 rd class 3pm to 4pm	
Week beginning November 23 rd	4 th class 3pm to 4pm	
Week beginning November 30 th	5 th class 3pm to 4pm	
Week beginning December 7 th	6 th class 3pm to 4pm	

Parents will be contacted by the class teacher/SEN teacher, using email, informing them of the date and approx. time that their call will be made and requesting them to ensure that the teacher has the correct phone number to contact them.



Attendance and Punctuality

This year our top priority is everyone's health.

While it is accepted that there is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress we must make exceptions this year. We thank you all for erring on the side of caution - keeping children home who are unwell, getting GP advice when the symptoms are on the Covid 19 list and observing all the guidelines around isolation etc. It will mean attendance figures will be low. However, if we manage to keep the school open and keep each other well we are doing the right thing. Our attendance initiative will be put on pause but please do keep up punctuality. Please keep letting us know details of all absences by emailing your child's class teacher and thank you for following the protocols.

The school is obliged, by law, to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year. Obviously, the whole idea is to miss as little time as possible. As teachers must fill in the category of absence when informing Tusla, **it is essential that an email is sent to your child's class teacher after every absence explaining it.** Please note if absences are Covid 19-related (we will have all your email notes) this will be indicated to Tusla.

Please take note

- Please inform the office immediately of a change of address or contact number.
- Please visit our school website for regular updates and school information www.rathvillyns.com
- Pupils using the school bicycle rack must ensure that they always lock their bicycles and the wearing of helmets is strongly advised.
- Halloween Break commences the 23rd of October. A staff meeting will be held on that day and all pupils will leave at the allotted staggered times.
- Junior/Senior Infants 12.30pm 2nd/4th/5th 12.40pm 1st/3rd/6th 12.50pm

As part of our Covid 19 Response Plan the morning drop off/collection times were designed so that pupils can enter/leave school in their bubbles and therefore decreasing the potential for pupils from other bubbles interacting. This system has been working very well. Please continue to support and respect this plan by dropping and collecting your child/ren at the assigned times.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our school, staff and pupils.

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