

Reminders before we return to school on August 31st 2021

- Please complete the Return to School Declaration Form by Monday 30th of August. This will be sent to you via text. If you do not receive the form, please email the school at rathvilly.ns@gmail.com and a form will be emailed to you.
- Please do not send your child/ren to school if they are unwell, show signs of Coronavirus or have come in contact with someone who has Coronavirus. If you have been outside of Ireland, please check the HSE website to inform you of the correct advice regarding quarantining.
- Children will be sent home immediately if they are unwell or show any signs or symptoms of Coronavirus. Please be available to take a call from the school.
- Please update your contact details if they have changed. Contact the secretary at 059 9161304 or email rathvilly.ns@gmail.com
- Please wear mask coverings while dropping and collecting your child/ren.
- Do not congregate outside the school. There are designated spots which are 2 metres apart to ensure social distancing. Please do not stand in front of school gates or stiles as this will block the safe exit and entry for pupils.
- All school communication will continue through email or by phone-call. Email addresses are available on our school website www.rathvillyns.com
- Please do not call to the school unless arranged by appointment. When you arrive please remain at the gate and phone the office at 059 9161304.
- **PLEASE CONSULT AND FOLLOW THE LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE IN RELATION TO FOREIGN TRAVEL**

1. Communication

Please visit our school website for regular updates.

If your child is absent, please email your teacher at their school email address.

If at any stage you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please email them to arrange a phone call.

Please ensure that we have your most up to date contact number and email address.

2. Illness

If your child is unwell, please do not send your child to school.

3. School Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear the full school uniform

- Plain Navy skirt (Knee length)/pinafore
- Plain navy pants/tracksuit bottoms/shorts
- Navy jumper with crest (crests are available in the office)
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Red tie (optional)
- No jewellery except stud earrings.
- No makeup, false nails or eyelashes.
- No leggings, jeggings or jeans.
- Safe and comfortable shoes must always be worn.
- For reasons of hygiene we urge parents to keep children's hair tied back while in school.

4. Medication

Children are **not permitted to bring medication** (other than prescribed medication) to school. Where a child is on prescribed medication, this must be brought to the attention of the Class Teacher - ref school's Administration of Medication Policy (available on school website 'rathvillyns.com'). **A form must be signed every year** and presented to the school. Please enquire at the office or from your class teacher. Also, please note that pupils will no longer be kept in during break.

5. Book Rental Scheme

Our book rental scheme is an integral and important part of our school. It represents extremely good value for parents (e.g. the cost of the 5th Class rental books is approx. €140 for eleven books plus approx. €10 for plastic covers. All of these books are available to **rent from the school for €30**). We are constantly working to maintain and improve the scheme and your help and co-operation is important. It is important to return these books for the continued success of this scheme. Non-return of book rentals will result in a replacement payment or exclusion from the scheme.

6. Headlice

From time to time there are instances of headlice in the school. Parents should check for lice in their children's hair on a regular basis. If lice are detected, treatment should begin immediately and please inform the school. Once treatment has started, exclusion from school is not necessary. **Please ensure that long hair is tied up.**

7. Healthy Lunches

In line with the school's healthy lunch policy, crisps, biscuits, cakes, minerals (fizzy), sweets, chocolate, chewing gum etc. are not permitted in school. As St. Patrick's National School is a 'Green School', children are encouraged to use a lunch box and a re-usable drinks container. We look forward to your co-operation in this matter. The School Meals Scheme resumes in September. Pupils will receive 2 food items (a piece of fruit & a healthy a snack bar) daily.

8. Mobile Phones

Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones in school or during school activities. Phones must be powered off when pupils enter the school grounds.

9. Birthday invitations, Christmas Cards etc

The distribution of birthday invitations, Christmas Cards etc. is not permitted in the school or on the school grounds. A child may feel 'left out' if s/he does not receive an invitation.

10. Behaviour

The school believes that a high standard of behaviour requires a strong sense of community within the school and a high level of cooperation among and between staff, pupils and parents. Parents are asked to read through and discuss the school's Code of Behaviour with their children.

Wellbeing and Advice

- [gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) - [Wellbeing advice and resources during COVID-19 \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)
- [gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) - [Back to School \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)