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Sent by Komeer 09/03/2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

As I am sure you are aware, the next phase of the Government's return to in-school education is the return of pupils in 3rd-6th classes next Monday 15th March.

As part of the return to school protocols, we require a declaration from parents/guardians of every pupil stating that your child is free from illness, is not subject to self isolation (due to illness of recent travel) and fit to return to school. As I am sure you can appreciate, this is for the protection of all children and staff in school. To make it easier for you, we have modified the online absence form on the school website and ask that you please click on the link below and complete the short form.

<https://www.stfrancisns.ie/absence-form/>

When completing the form:

- In the date of absence field put in Jan & Feb 2021
- In the reason for absence field select School Closure

If you have any problems completing the form, please contact the school office by email on admin@stfrancisns.ie or phone 042 9366993.

Please also note the following:

- Drop off for pupils with siblings is 8.45am. Drop off for all other pupils at 9.00am
- Collection time for pupils with siblings is 2.35pm and 2.45pm for all other pupils.
- Pupils in 3rd-6th classes may NOT bring in schoolbags.
- Masks must be worn by parents/guardians when dropping off and collecting children

The HSA has informed us that short videos for parents from public health doctors will be circulated online to reaffirm the importance of keeping COVID-19 out of education facilities by keeping symptomatic children at home.

Parents should err on the side of caution in this respect and follow the school's sickness policy (i.e. if your child shows any symptoms, please keep them safely at home.).

There should be no congregation outside school and the school building remains closed to parents except in exceptional circumstances.

Parents wishing to contact a staff member are requested to do so via the school email or by phone.

As always, I will keep you informed regarding any further updates or developments.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child safely back to school.

Your cooperation in the arrangements listed above will help greatly and is much appreciated.

Stay safe and well,

Oreena