



St Patrick's National School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during these challenging times. I would like to take this opportunity to commend and offer a heartfelt thank you to all pupils, parents and staff for your engagement with Seesaw over the past number of weeks. Well done to everyone on your ability to adapt to these circumstances to ensure that the continuity of learning was facilitated.

Book Rental

- The Book Rental Committee is in the process of organising the Book Rental Scheme for next year. In order for this to happen, we will need to get **books returned** to the school. It is very important that we get all books returned so as that we can have the scheme ready for pupils upon their return to school.
- The **Terms and Conditions for the Book Rental Scheme 2020-2021** are attached to this letter. We are delighted to keep the cost at €45 per child for the coming year.
- We will be opening the school on the evenings of **Tuesday the 16th** and **Thursday the 18th of June** to collect books from the Book Rental Scheme.
- We ask that you **check the condition** of the books and erase any pencil marks that may be in them as per the Book Rental Scheme Terms and Conditions 2020-2021 (attached).
- Adhering to current government restrictions on **social distancing**, we want to limit the amount of interaction between people within the school so a book drop off will be organised.
- **Books and copies belonging to the children** that were left in school will be packed in bag labelled with the family's name on it and can be **collected** on the lawn at the front of the school after book rental books have been returned to the hall.
- Following all of the hard school work that has been completed to date, teachers will be organising **themed weeks** for the last few weeks of school for the children to enjoy– Arts Week, Active Week and Wellbeing Week with less of a focus on the core subjects.
- Learning codes for Seesaw will expire on the 21st of June. Activities for the final week of school will be posted on the **school website**.

STEP 1: Locate the date and time when we will collect your children's books

- We will be collecting books by family, if you surname is **Gerrard** → drop off time is Tuesday 16th June @8pm, (**McManus** → **M** Thursday 18th June @7pm, **O' Connor** → **O** Thursday 18th June @7.30pm)

Collection Day	Time: 6.30pm-7pm	Time: 7pm-7.30pm	Time: 7.30pm-8pm	Time 8pm-8.30pm
Tuesday 16 th June	Families A & B	Families C	Families D, E, F	Families G & H
Thursday 18 th June	Families I, J, K & L	Families M & N	Families O, P, Q & R	Families S, T, U V, W

STEP 2: Arriving at School

Whether you are travelling to school on foot, by car or otherwise, it is important to ensure you follow these directions in order to reduce risk and comply with government regulations.

1. Please arrive at the school at your designated time for your family's name.
2. We are doing the drop offs in the evening time to facilitate families where parents may be working.
3. Where possible, please come to the school alone. If this is not possible, please leave children in the car. A staff member/volunteer will be in the car park.

There will be staff around the site to help with movement but please make sure that you uphold social distancing rules. Please do not approach staff unless you require help with movement (and please don't be offended as we are simply trying to keep us all safe!) **P.T.O.**



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STEP 3: Dropping Books

1. When you reach the main gate, you will be directed to the right and asked to walk through the yard to fire door outside the PE Hall. You will be met by a staff member who will bring you into the hall.
2. If there is somebody at the drop off point, please stand in the queue and wait until the person ahead of you has moved away. The ground will be clearly marked for safe distancing.
3. The table will have hand sanitiser for you to use if you wish.

STEP 4: Exit the Building/Collecting books

To ensure your safety, we are operating a one-way system so everyone will have to leave by exiting school and walking out the front door.

1. Please ensure that you do not try and leave the same way you came in. We are relying on your cooperation for this so please ensure that you help us out by following directions.
2. Books/copies and infant wet gear will be in labelled bags (family name) and available for collection on the front lawn of the school. Members of staff will be here to distribute materials to you. The materials will be in a plastic bag which we advise you do not open for at least 3 days.

In the event of bad weather, please follow the advice of staff members. We understand this is a difficult time for everyone and we appreciate that this experience is not exactly how we would like to be able to do things. Unfortunately, we have to reduce the risk of physical contact so it is likely you may not speak to anyone while you are here. A huge thank you to the Book Rental Committee for all of their hard work in organising this scheme. It is very much appreciated.

Many thanks for your cooperation.
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Lorna Gerrard
Acting Principal

Books for return

Junior Infants 1. Fiction Reader 6 – ‘Show and Tell’ 2. Non Fiction Reader 7 – ‘Puppets’ 3. Any other ‘Over the Moon’ readers your child may have home**	Senior Infants 1. Non Fiction Reader 7 – ‘The Garden’	1st Class 1. Fun At the Circus	2nd Class 1. The Wild Explorers	3rd Class Mrs. Goulding 1. The Talking Horse 2. Operation Maths 3 Pupil’s Book 3. Fuaimeanna & Focail 3
3rd Class Ms McCabe 1. The Talking Horse 2. Operation Maths Pupil’s Book 3. Fuaimeanna & Focail 3	4th Class 1. Bua na Cainte 4 2. Reading Zone – The Golden Harp 3. Operation Maths 4 Pupil’s Book	5th Class Mr. O’Connor 1. Bun go Barr 5 2. Operation Maths 5 Pupils Book 3. Reading Zone – Call of the Sea** 4. Under the Hawthorn Tree (Novel)	5th Class Mr. Halligan 1. Bun go Barr 5 2. Operation Maths 5 Pupils Book 3. Reading Zone – Call of the Sea** 4. Under the Hawthorn Tree (Novel)	6th Class 1. Bun go Barr 6 2. Operation Maths 6 Pupils Book 3. Reading Zone – Smart Ice Cream** 4. Reaching the Heights (Novel)

- **Some of these books are at school and some are at home. We do not have a full set for this class. If the book is at home, please return to the school.
- All other books listed were sent home with the children in March.
- If there are any other books that are part of the Book Rental Scheme, please return them to the school.
- Workbooks (books that the children write into) **do not** need to be returned.

