

Board of Management Agreed Report from meeting on 3/03/2022

As Covid restrictions are being lifted, the Board of Management have agreed the following:

Collection of Pupils

From Monday, March 7th, 2022, parents and guardians no longer have to stand on the road beside the junior yard at collection time. An area will be painted on the yard to mark where parents can stand. This will be safer than standing on the road. Staff will continue to dismiss children from their lines – parents and guardians are asked to stick to the designated zone that will be marked out so staff have a clear line of sight to dismiss children safely. 6th will continue to be dismissed from the front of the school. Please do not bring dogs to the collection area (except assistance dogs).

Meeting Staff

Parents and Guardians are asked to continue to bring their children to the wall/ gate and not to come on to yard or to classroom doors. Parents and guardians are asked to email the teacher or call the school office to make an appointment. Face-to-face meetings can take place but they must be arranged so we can give you full attention. This arrangement is also for Child Protection and Health and Safety purposes - we have over 400 pupils on site and we cannot have adults arriving to classroom doors as we must have control of what adults are on the school grounds and in the school building.

Breaks

Classes will continue to be on staggered breaks. They can mix with their parallel classes e.g. both 1st classes play together, split classes play together. In June we will further review the timing and/or rotation of the 3rd/4th class and 5th/6th class break.

Starting and Finishing Time from Monday, April 25th.

From Monday, April 25th, all classes will start at 9.10am and we will accept all pupils directly into their classrooms at 9am. They will be supervised between 9am and 9.10am. Infant classes will finish at 1.50pm and 1st-6th will finish at 2.50pm. These are the current times for all of 1st and 2nd classes.

We note the majority of people are arriving between 9.00am and 9.10am so reverting to the start time of 9.20am would be a challenge for parents and guardians. We also feel that a 9.10am start time continues to allow families to drop children to secondary school and have time to come here.

We particularly acknowledge the extra time staff have been working each day to facilitate a longer school day during Covid-19 restrictions.

Other School Activities

All other school activities will be reviewed on a case-by-case by the relevant organisers and in consultation with the school principal. These will be communicated via the school newsletter.

Hurling Wall, Walking and Running Track and Playground

The next meeting of the Board of Management will be a specific purpose meeting to discuss the progression and financing of the hurling wall, walking/ running track and playground, as per our School Development Plan which is published here: <https://www.barefieldns.com/school-development-plan-2022-2027/>

Votes of Sympathy

We express our sympathies to the Baker Family on the passing of Noel Baker (uncle of Brid), the McDonagh family on the passing of Maura Killeen (aunt of Regina O'Connell) and Martina McMurrough on the passing of her mother-in-law, Nuala McMurrough.