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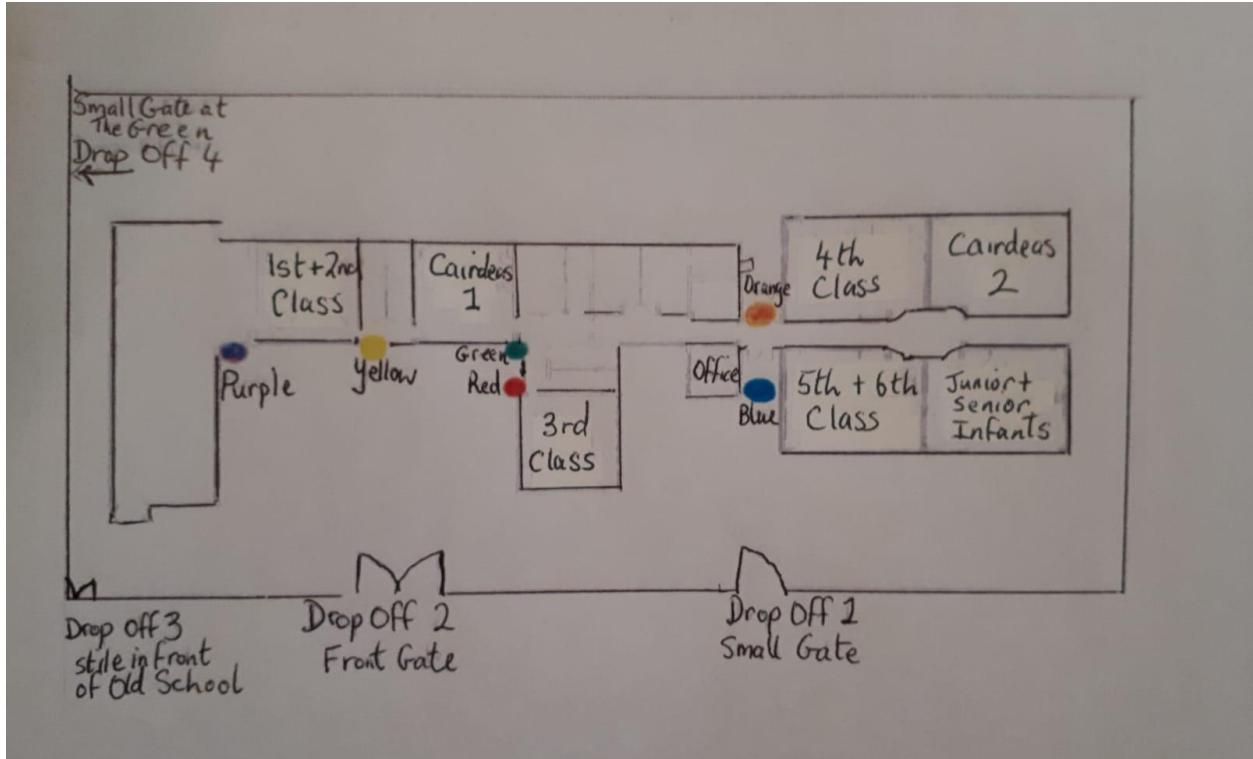
August 26th 2021

Dear Parents,

We are all looking forward to welcoming Junior Infants to school on Monday 30th August and all other classes on Tuesday 31st.

Unfortunately Covid-19 is still very much part of our lives and as a result we will continue with all the measures we put in place last year to make our life in school as safe as possible, while yet making the children's experience as normal as possible.

Our arrangements for morning drop off and evening collection can be seen below. We are doing this to reduce the number of people congregating at the school at any one time. This worked well last year and we hope, with your co-operation, it will this year also.



**Remember when reading this table only look for the class your oldest child is in. That is the time all your children should be dropped at.**

**Morning**

<p><b>5th &amp; 6th Class &amp; Siblings</b></p> <p>By car use the entrance by the green. (Drop off 4)</p> <p>Walking from St. Oliver's Estate side of the village use the small gate in front of the new building. (Drop off 1)</p> <p>Walking from the traffic lights side use the stile in front of the old school building.(Drop off 3)</p>	<p><b>9am - 9:10am</b></p> <p>School staff will be there to show children to the correct entry points.</p>
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<p><b>3rd Class &amp; Younger Siblings</b></p> <p>By car use the entrance at the main black gates in front of the school. (Drop off 2)</p> <p>Walking from St. Oliver's Estate side of the village use the small gate in front of the new building. (Drop off 1)</p> <p>Walking from the traffic lights side use the stile in front of the old school building. (Drop off 3)</p>	<p><b>9am - 9:10am</b></p> <p>School staff will be there to show children to their correct entry points.</p>
<p><b>1st &amp; 2nd Classes &amp; younger siblings 4th Class &amp; younger siblings</b></p> <p>By car use the entrance by the green. (Drop off 4)</p> <p>Walking from St. Oliver's Estate side of the village use the small gate in front of the new building. (Drop off 1)</p> <p>Walking from the traffic lights side use the stile in front of the old school building. (Drop off 3)</p>	<p><b>9:10am - 9:20am</b></p> <p>School staff will be there to show children to their correct entry points.</p>
<p><b>Junior &amp; Senior Infants</b></p> <p>By car use the entrance at the main black gates in front of the school. (Drop off 2)</p> <p>Walking from St. Oliver's Estate side of the village use the small gate in front of the new building. (Drop off 1)</p> <p>Walking from the traffic lights side use the stile in front of the old school building. (Drop off 3)</p>	<p><b>9.10am - 9.20am</b></p> <p>School staff will be there to show children to their correct entry points.</p>

### Afternoon

Children to be collected from where they were dropped off in the morning.

Junior & Senior Infants (Junior Infants going home at 12 midday for week 1)	2pm
For the classes below read the table by looking for the class your oldest child is in.	
5th & 6th Class & Siblings	2.50pm
4th Class & Younger Siblings	2.55pm
3rd Class & Younger Siblings	2.55pm
1st Class & 2nd Class	3.00pm

- On arrival children will go directly to their classrooms via their designated entry point.
- Pupils should only be dropped at the school during their designated drop off slot.
- No children can be dropped to school before 9am.
- Staff will be at the drop off points to guide children to their entry doors.
- It is important that drop off and pick up are done both quickly and safely while at all times adhering to 2m distance as per government guidelines.
- There should be no congregation at the school gates.

### Return to Education Form

Please ensure you have this form filled for each child before they return to school. It will also need to be completed after any absence. It can be found at this link:

<https://www.geashillns.ie/covid-info/return-to-educational-facility-parental-declaration-form/>

### Masks

As before, children in primary school are not required to wear masks. However, if you want your children to wear a mask they are free to do so. Please inform the class teacher if your child will be wearing a mask throughout the day.

### What Covid symptoms to look out for.

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 it is important to know and recognise the symptoms of coronavirus (which includes the DELTA variant).

Common symptoms of coronavirus include:

- a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above).
- a new cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry.

- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties.
- loss or change in your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Fatigue
- Aches and Pains

Other uncommon symptoms of coronavirus include:

- sore throat
- headaches
- runny or stuffy noses
- feeling sick or vomiting
- diarrhoea

Infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 can cause illness, ranging from mild to severe, It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show. They can be similar to symptoms of [cold](#) and [flu](#).

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus), self-isolate (stay in your room) and phone your family doctor straight away to see if you need a free COVID-19 test and of course **do not come to school.**

Getting an early diagnosis means you can get the help you need and take steps to avoid spreading the virus, if you have it.

For the complete list of symptoms, please refer to the HSE [Website](#). Symptoms may be subject to change so regular review of the HSE Website is advised. If you **do not** have symptoms, you can get a free COVID-19 (coronavirus) test at a [COVID-19 walk-in test centre](#)

### **Dealing with a Suspected Case in School**

- If your child develops symptoms during the school day, they will be brought to a separate room to other students.
- Their temperature will be taken.
- Parents will be contacted to collect the child.
- Parents should contact their GP who will advise the next steps to be taken.

### **School Response to a Confirmed Covid-19 Case**

- The HSE will inform any staff or parents of children who have come into close contact with a diagnosed case via the contact tracing process.
- The HSE will contact all relevant persons where a diagnosis of Covid -19 is made.
- The instructions of the HSE should be followed and pupil and staff confidentiality is essential at all times.

The three points above are taken directly from the Dept.of Education guidance to schools and will be strictly followed in the event of a confirmed case.

## Communication

- As always we want to keep good lines of communication between home and school.
- Please ensure we have your correct contact details.
- All meetings/phone discussions with teachers will be by pre-arranged appointment only.
- Parents should first call the office at 057 9343754 before leaving in a forgotten lunch box or if a child needs to be collected early.
- All class teachers will continue to use Class Dojo and will be in touch with you about this to get it set up.
- Our website [www.geashillns.ie](http://www.geashillns.ie) will be regularly updated with the most up to date school information.
- Our Twitter account @GeashillNS is also worth a follow also.

Please feel free to contact me about any of the above by ringing 057 9343754 or emailing [micheal.hyland@geashillns.ie](mailto:micheal.hyland@geashillns.ie)

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

Mícheál Hyland