

March 9th, 2021

Dear Parent/guardian,

The Department of Education have now confirmed that children from 3rd to 6th will return to school on Monday, March 15th.

You must complete one of the enclosed Return to Education Forms and send it to school with your child on Monday 15th. Any time after that, where your child is absent from school, they must have a completed Return to Education Form with them upon return. We have posted you several copies of this form.

Your child/children's arrival and home time will be as it was before Christmas.
If you have more than one child, all your children can come to school with your eldest child. Please use the same gate for drop off and collection as you did before Christmas.

Your child should not attend school if:

- They have come in close contact with a person with Covid 19.
- If they are awaiting the results of a Covid 19 test.
- If a member of the household is awaiting a Covid 19 test.
- If they are experiencing symptoms of Covid 19.
- If they have been advised to self-isolate.

The common symptoms for coronavirus include:

- A fever/ high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above
- A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- Loss or change to 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

If your child presents with any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and contact your GP for advice.

However, children with a blocked or runny nose, but no high temperature/fever can attend school, but if they require paracetamol or ibuprofen for their symptoms, **they must not attend school for 48 hours (2 school days).**

All diarrhea and vomiting symptoms need to have been resolved for 48 hours (2 days) prior to returning to school.

If a child presents with Covid 19 like symptoms at school, the parent/legal guardian will be contacted to take their child home. Any siblings/household member will go home from school also. Parents/guardians should immediately contact their GP for advice.

Confirmed cases will be contacted directly by the contact tracing center. All schools are following HSE guidelines and if there is a confirmed case, the HSE will work directly with the school and come up with a plan. This plan can be varied depending on each class or group setting. Parents of any children considered to be close contacts will be contacted directly and given advice.

If your child is not coming to school, please email

oifig@greenment.ie or call the school office on [021-4966242](tel:021-4966242)

Thank you.

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Please remember to wear a mask when dropping and collecting your child.

To protect our whole school community and yourselves, I would also ask you not to congregate at the school gate at drop off and collection times. Please leave the gate area once you have dropped off or collected your child.

Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.