

RATHFARNHAM



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Weekly Update 24th September 2021

School closes early today

RETNS will close for children at 12.00 today for CPD for teachers on the Primary Language Curriculum. Junior Infants, 1st and 3rd will leave the building at 11.50.

This Week in RETNS



3rd class is measuring and recording the growth of the pumpkins in the vegetable garden and will continue to do so every week during this half-term.

Our classes have been working on our expectations for a happy school. You will have read these in the children's Homework Journal.

Update on COVID Testing and Contact Tracing for Children (from the HSE)

In line with recommendations from the National Public Health Emergency Team, automatic contact tracing of **asymptomatic close contacts** in children aged over 3 months and less than 13 years, is no longer recommended.

This means that children aged between 3 months and 13 years who are identified as a close contact in education settings, social and sporting groups, or other non-household settings and who are asymptomatic will no longer be routinely required to restrict their movements.

Automatic COVID 19 testing of asymptomatic close contacts identified in education settings, social and sporting groups will no longer take place

Children aged between 3 months and 13 years who are identified, as **household close contacts** and are not fully vaccinated or have had a confirmed Covid-19 diagnosis in the last 9 months (even if they have no symptoms) will still need to restrict their movements and get a COVID 19 test. A child is a household contact if they were present overnight, in the household of a COVID 19 case while the case

was infectious. This may be in their own home or someone else's home for example children who may have been on sleepovers with family or friends.

Public Health advice remains the same for any child between 3 months and 13 years of age **with symptoms consistent with COVID-19** - they should immediately self-isolate, should not attend childcare or school or socialise and follow current public health advice.

The focus of families and educational facilities should remain on identifying children with **new symptoms, which could be consistent with COVID 19, and keeping such children isolated until the need for a test or assessment of their clinical needs can be made by their GP.**

Any child who was previously identified as a close contact of a case from outside of the house and is currently out restricting their movements can return to school provided that they have no symptoms of Covid-19 from Monday 27th September. They do not need to present for COVID 19 testing before returning.

Children identified as close contacts through a household case of infection for example a parent who has COVID 19, must remain restricting their movements.

Admissions to RETNS 2022 – 2023

Admissions for the next school year will open on 1 October. All information is available on the school website.

Admissions to Harold's Cross ETSS and Goatstown ETSS – Please see the information attached

[Harolds X Educate Together Admissions Notice and Policy](#)

[Goatstown ETSS Admission Notice](#)

Free Webinars on Online Safety for Parents from Barnardos

Our live parent webinars launched in Oct 2020 were extremely popular and we will be running 4 free live parent webinars from now until December. Parents/guardians can register themselves individually on our [website](#) - they will then be sent a zoom link which they can simply click on to join at the time of the webinar.

Parent Webinar dates:

Wed 29 September – 7pm

Wed 20 October – 7pm

Wed 17 November – 7pm

Wed 8 December – 7pm

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