

Lucan Community National School



Returning to School - What parents need to know August 2022

Traffic Management Plan

This traffic management plan is in place to ensure the safety of all our pupils. We as a school community must be particular vigilant with regard to our youngest pupils and our pupils with additional care needs. The school campus is a very busy place during arrival and collection times and you will be aware that we do not have the capacity to cater for all families parking on campus (see below). Thank you for your cooperation. Please forward/pass on this information to your designated 'drop-off/collection' person for your child if it is not yourself.

- Walking/cycling to/from school strongly encouraged.
- Arrangements for locking bicycles in the bike shed – **Morning time** (if pupils need assistance in locking bicycle, parent/guardian enters and exits through **Gate B**. Afternoon time (if pupils need assistance unlocking bicycle, parent/guardian enters and exits through Gate C (see maps below). The school cannot accept responsibility for bicycles/scooters etc stolen/lost/damaged etc on school property. Note: Bicycles/scooters etc can only be stored in the bike shed. Motorised scooters cannot be stored on school premises.

DRIVING TO THE SCHOOL

- **Parents with children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class, CSE ONLY to drive beyond main gate** (parking on main road or in other nearby parking areas preferable if possible).
- Parents of Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class pupils (with no children in younger classes) driving to school to park on main road or other nearby parking areas and walk in through main gate (or other entrance onto the school campus).
- Parking **strictly in set down areas**. Drop-and-go system in place inside main gates (Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st Class, CSE). Parents drop children to assigned gates and leave immediately to allow for next arrivals. Strictly no U-turns on the road inside main gates. Cars facing the roundabout direction must turn at roundabout. Please [Click here](#) for video.
- Pupils (as age appropriate) encouraged to make own way from car/campus entrance gates to assigned school entrance gate.

Starting Times

In an effort to limit the number of people waiting in the school grounds in the morning, we are bringing the children into school in alphabetical order.

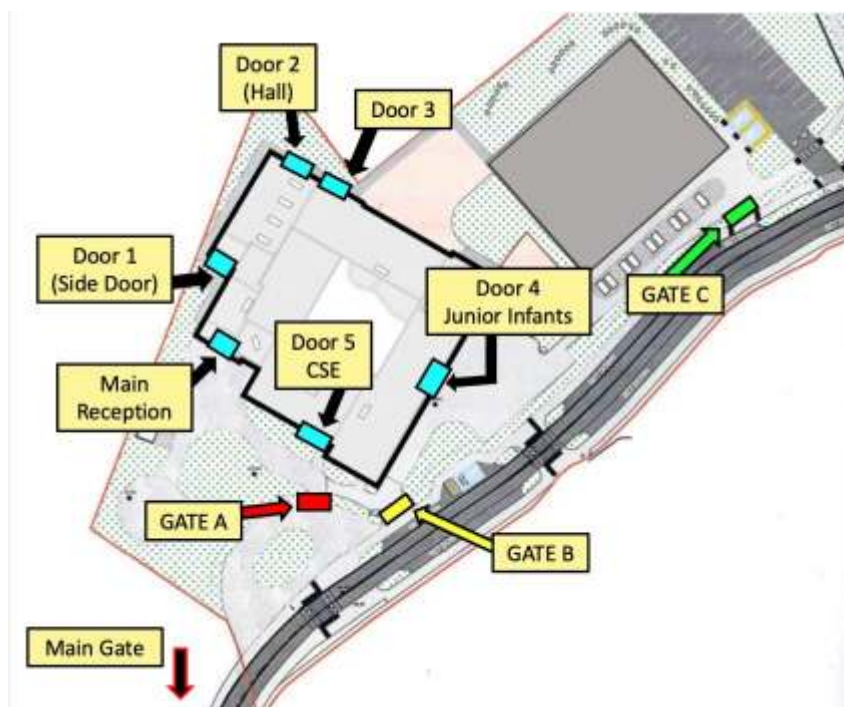
8.15-8.20am: If your child's surname begins with **A-F**

8.20-8.25am: If your child's surname begins with **G-M**

8.25-8.30am: If your child's surname begins with **N-Z**

Allocated Gates - Pupil Entry – Morning Time

Pupils will be dropped by parent or walk independently to their class allocated gate. Pupils will make their way from their gate into the school and to their classroom assisted by staff. No parents/guardians (Senior Infants to Sixth Class) may proceed beyond gates.



CSE classes (M. Róisín Cartwright & M. Cora Howe)

Pupil entry arrangements – Parent and pupil enter through **Gate B** to Door 5 for drop-off.

Junior Infants A (M. Ashley White) & Junior Infants B (M. Sarah McLoughlin)

Pupil entry arrangements – Parent and pupil enter through **Gate B** to Door 4 for drop-off.



Senior Infants A (M. Áine McGinn), Senior Infants B (M. Ciara Brady); First Class A (M. Ailbhe McGauran) & First Class B (M. Saoirse Knauer); Second Class A (M. Ellen Bolton) & Second Class B (M. Ríona Delaney)

Pupil entry arrangements – Parent drops pupil to **Gate C**. Pupils will be directed through yard by staff to Door 3 (see main map above).

Third Class A (M. Laura Duff) & Third Class B (M. Chris Grehan); Fourth Class A (M. Emma Ramsay) & Fourth Class B (M. Sarah Caldwell); Fifth Class (M. Laura Harrison) & Sixth Class (M. Aisling O’Sullivan)

Pupil entry arrangements – Pupils arrive to **Gate A**. Pupils will be directed by staff to Door 1 (see main map).

Pupils who arrive late after 8.30am must enter through Gate A and enter through the main reception door where they will be met by staff, signed in, and brought to their classroom.

Please note:

- Due to limited parking/set down areas parents/guardians are asked not to congregate in groups on the school campus at drop off times. Please leave promptly once your child is dropped off in the morning.
- We ask for your co-operation on being punctual for start times to minimise congregation at entry points. This will ensure that our entrances are not overcrowded at any time and that there is a constant stream of children entering the school building in a safe manner. There will be teachers supervising the pupils to ensure they know where they are going. Lessons begin at 8:30am, teachers will be in classrooms to supervise pupils from 8.15am.
- Please be aware that the same procedures will be in place for rainy/wet days.

Home Time – Collection Times

CSE classes:

Junior Day Collection (1.10pm) & Senior Day Collection (2.10pm).

Junior Infants:

For Junior Infants only: Collection time Thursday 1st September to Friday 9th September: 10.30am

For Junior Infants only: Collection time Monday 12th September to Friday 16th September: 11.30am

For Junior Infants only: Normal collection time (from Monday 19th September): **1.10pm**

Senior Infants:

Collection time: 1.10pm daily

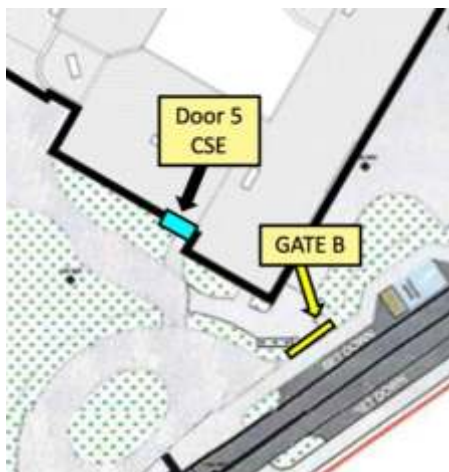
First Class to Sixth Class

Collection time: **2.10pm**

Home Time – Collection Arrangements

CSE classes (M. Róisín Cartwright & M. Cora Howe)

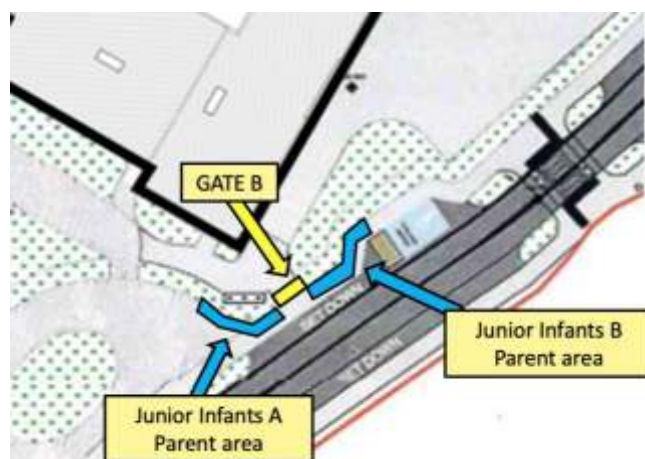
Same arrangements as morning time arrival. Parent enters through Gate B to CSE door for collection.



Junior Infants A (M. Ashley White) & Junior Infants B (M. Sarah McLoughlin)

****GATE B****

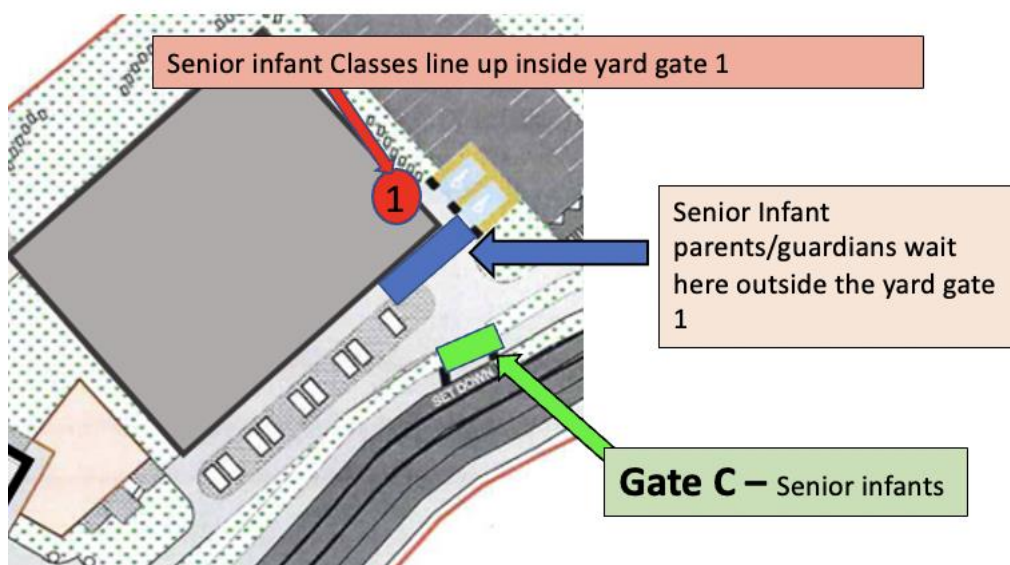
Parents/Guardians line up outside the black railings and classes will line up along the inside. Please do not call out to children or beckon them at home time. It is extremely important that the teacher sees who each pupil is going to for safe handover. Teachers are working as efficiently as they can. We appreciate your patience.



Senior Infants A (M. Áine McGinn), Senior Infants B (M. Ciara Brady)

****GATE C****

Parents/Guardians enter/exit through Gate C and wait outside yard gate 1 for pupils to be handed over (see map below).



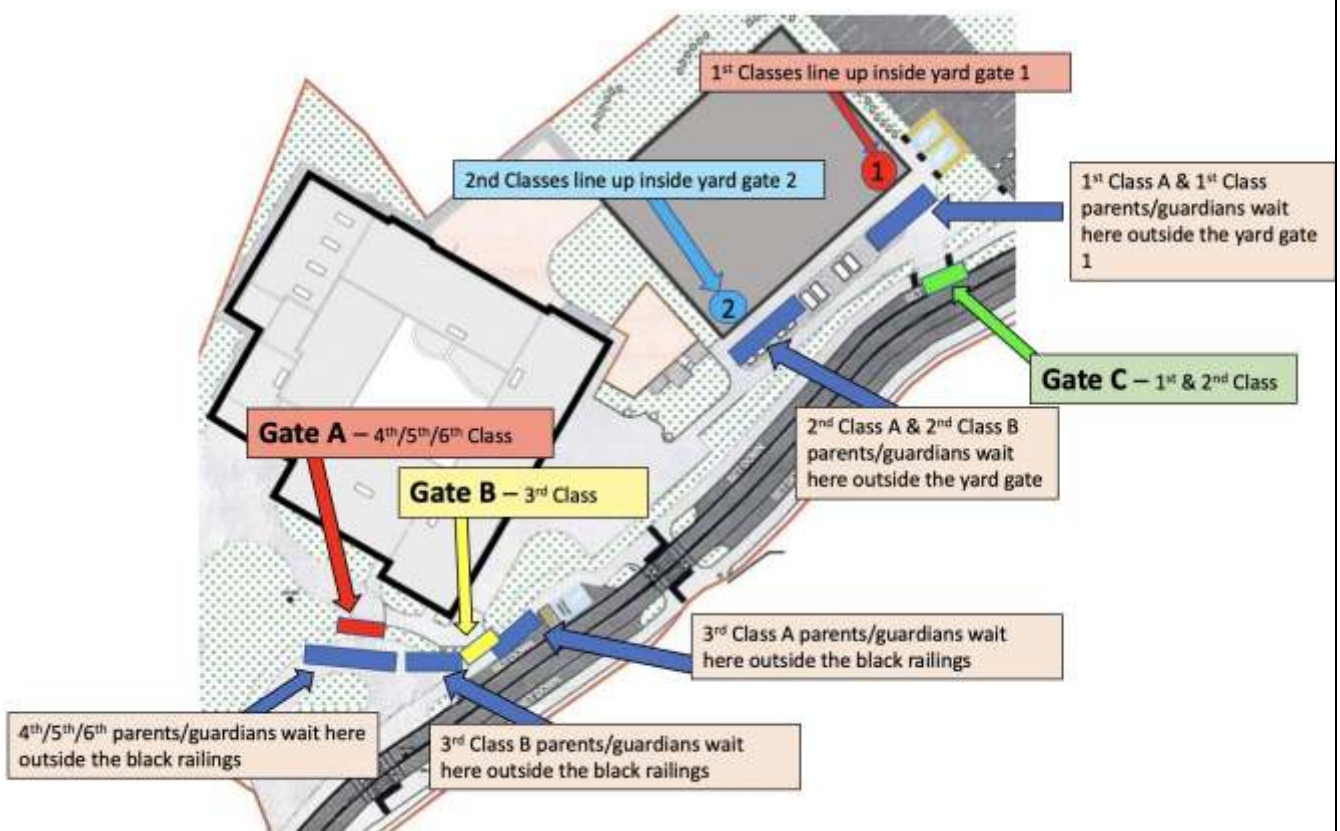
1st Class to 6th Class Collection Arrangements

First Class: Parents/Guardians enter/exit through **Gate C** and wait outside yard gate 1 for pupils to be handed over (see map below).

Second Class: Parents/Guardians enter/exit through **Gate C** and wait outside yard gate 2 for pupils to be handed over (see map below).

Third Class: Parents/Guardians wait outside **Gate B** (see locations on map below) for pupils to be handed over

Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Class: Parents/Guardians wait outside **Gate A** at home time. Pupils will exit through Gate A.



Please Note:

- Please do not call out to children or beckon them at home time. It is extremely important that the teacher sees who each pupil is going to for safe handover. Teachers are working as efficiently as they can. We appreciate your patience.
- Teachers are aware that some parents/guardians will be collecting children from more than one gate. Teachers will wait with pupils at/near designated class gate until all children are collected.
- Given the size of our school now (c. 250 families) we ask that Parents/Guardians do not congregate in groups or stand around chatting at the collection gates at collection times, to allow for teachers to see parents/guardians/designated collection person and for pupils to exit safely.

Your child's learning

As we start back in a new year, staff will orientate their work with the curriculum, especially during the initial weeks back as they give greater time and attention to revision and areas such as Language, Mathematics, SPHE and PE. All teachers will start from where the children are at.



Pupil wellbeing/homework



Promoting the wellbeing of our school pupils and community is a fundamental element of a successful return to school. To that end homework will not be given until the start of **October**. Homework (as applicable to individual classes) will be set and completed through the Seesaw platform (If you haven't used Seesaw before, your class teacher will send instructions prior to homework starting).

Communication with the school

Class teachers will communicate with parents using Seesaw/email/phone (outside of instruction hours). **Please note that teachers are unable to check correspondence when teaching the class** and will not have an opportunity to respond. If urgent (e.g. early collection), please phone (01 4570432) or email the office (info@lucancns.ie) so that we can bring information to the teacher's attention.

Generally meetings, will take place by phone, unless a face-to face meeting is deemed necessary.

Break Times & Playground

Given our pupil numbers, split breaks are in operation.

Junior breaks (Junior Infants to 2nd Class):
9.45-10.05, and 11.40-12.00

Senior breaks (3rd Class to 6th Class):
10.20-10.40, and 12.15-12.35

CSE pupils will be aligned with the break times of their mainstream classes.

School Uniform/PE days

Pupils wear their school uniform normally and their school tracksuits on PE days. Class teachers will be contact to let parents/guardians know which days PE will be taking place.

School Cleaning Schedule

The school will be cleaned by contract cleaners, following all government guidelines, advice and checklists, daily. The level of cleaning remains at last year's level.

Wall hung sanitisers are hung in each classroom and school entry point and staff and pupils will continue to perform hand hygiene.

Electronic devices

We are a digital school whereby teaching and learning is delivered through regular and consistent use of educational devices. Pupils from **2nd to 6th Class** have personal Wriggle iPads which will not be shared with other pupils. These iPads are education (not entertainment) devices. All iPads must be purchased through Wriggle to ensure that they have the required apps (regularly updated via Wriggle) and appropriate security settings for primary school age pupils. Please [click here](#) for directions for purchase if you have not already done so, or contact Wriggle on: 01 5009060). Given the consistent use of iPads as a learning tool throughout the school day, gaps in learning may occur for pupils who do not have access to their own Wriggle iPad.

Pupils from Junior Infants to 1st Class have access to school Wriggle iPads.



Pupil Supplies

Lunches

Each pupils will bring their schoolbag to school which will contain their lunch box and drink bottle.

No sharing of lunches/ drinks among children.
Please [click here](#) for guidelines on healthy lunches as per our healthy lunches policy.

Please label all items. Please label uniforms/tracksuits as 'swaps' are a frequent occurrence!

Pencil cases

Each pupil has their own pencil case with stationary. All other stationary/books/workbooks etc. are provided at school.

CSE, Junior Infants -2nd Class: 2 tripod pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener/parer, crayons/twistables

3rd-6th Class: 2 Pencils, 2 red pens, 2 blue pens, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener/parer, twistables/colouring pencils

Child Illness

While Covid-19 has taken a backseat in terms of national media attention, there are still ongoing cases in every community across the country. Our aim is to keep our pupils and wider school community safe.

Therefore:

If your child displays symptoms of Covid-19 – also symptoms of being generally unwell - **(A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more, a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has become worse, other uncommon symptoms of Covid-19, such as sore throat, headaches or diarrhoea)**, please do not send them to school.

If your child is generally unwell, please do not send them to school.

If a pupil is unwell at school, parents/guardians will be contacted by the office to arrange collection for their child.

Other/Checklist for Parents:

- I have a pencil case for my child with appropriate materials for their learning.
- My child has a Wriggle education iPad (2nd to 6th Class)
- I have joined Seesaw and connected with the class teacher (by end September)
- I have provided updated contact details for the school and **changes in contact details (phone/email) if necessary**. I have informed the school via info@lucancns.ie about a change of address.
- I have informed the school if my child has a medical condition/allergy.