

Lucan Community National School



Returning to School - What parents need to know August 2024

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 particularly 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.**

- 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

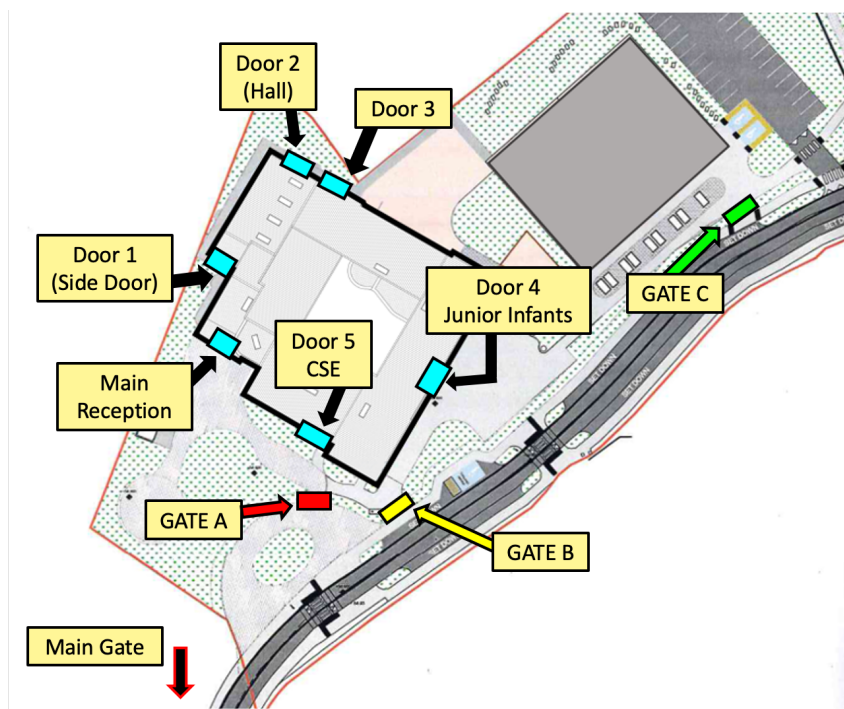
- **Parents with children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class, CSE ONLY to drive beyond main gate** (parking on main road or in other nearby parking areas preferable if possible).
- Parents of **Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class** pupils (with no children in younger classes) driving to school to park outside school campus on main road and walk in through main gate. For the safety of our school community, especially our children, we can only accommodate junior classes. The road is too narrow and set down spaces are limited. Please adhere to this rule – do not drive onto campus – help us prevent accidents.
- For junior parents, **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

Pupils may enter into the building from **8.20am to 8.30am** prior to lessons starting. Staff will be on hand and the gates/entrance doors/stairs to guide pupils to their classrooms. Teachers will be in classrooms to supervise arriving pupils from 8.20am. Lessons begin at 8.30am.

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. Zoe M. & M. Muireann)

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

Junior Infants A (M. Ashley) & Junior Infants B (M. Catriona)

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



Senior Infants A (M. Jenny), Senior Infants B (M. Niamh); First Class A (M. Sorcha) & First Class B (M. Sarah Mu.); Second Class A (M. Grace) & Second Class B (M. Laura M.)

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

Third Class A (M. Ciara K.) & Third Class B (M. Ciara S.); Fourth Class A (M. Abby) & Fourth Class B (M. Olivia); Fifth Class A (M. Clara) & Fifth Class B (M. Katie); Sixth Class A (M. Evelyn) & Sixth Class B (M. Ciara Mc)

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.
- 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 29th August to Friday 6th September: **10.30am**

For Junior Infants only: Collection time Monday 9th September to Friday 20th September: **11.30am**

For Junior Infants only: Normal collection time (from Monday 23rd September): **1.10pm**

Senior Infants:

Collection time: 1.10pm daily

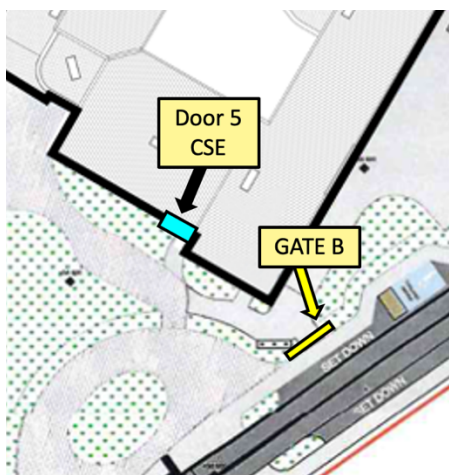
First Class to Sixth Class

Collection time: **2.10pm**

Home Time – Collection Arrangements

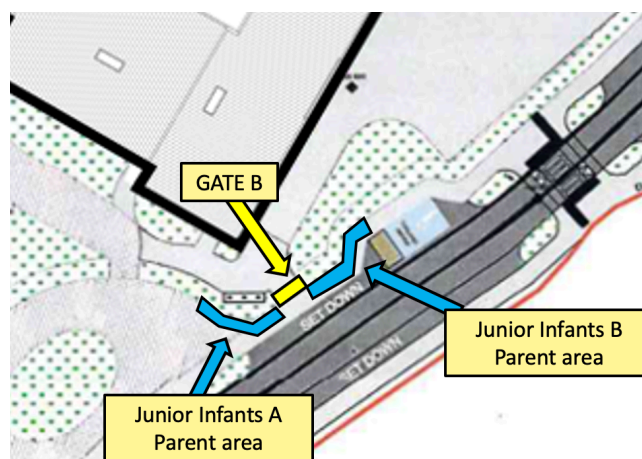
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Same arrangements as morning time arrival.
Parent enters through Gate B to CSE door for collection.



Junior Infants A (M. Ashley) & Junior Infants B (M. Catriona) ****GATE B****

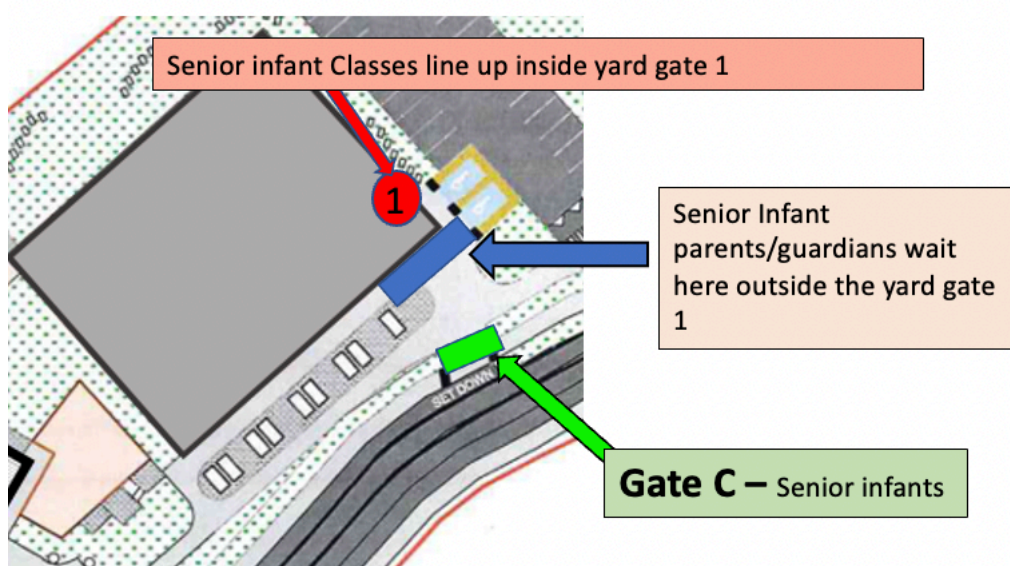
Parents/Guardians line up outline the black railings and classes will line up along the inside. Please do not call out to children or beckon them at home time. It is extremely important that the teacher sees who each pupil is going to for safe handover. Teachers are working as efficiently as they can.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



Senior Infants A (M. Jenny), Senior Infants B (M. Niamh)

****GATE C****

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



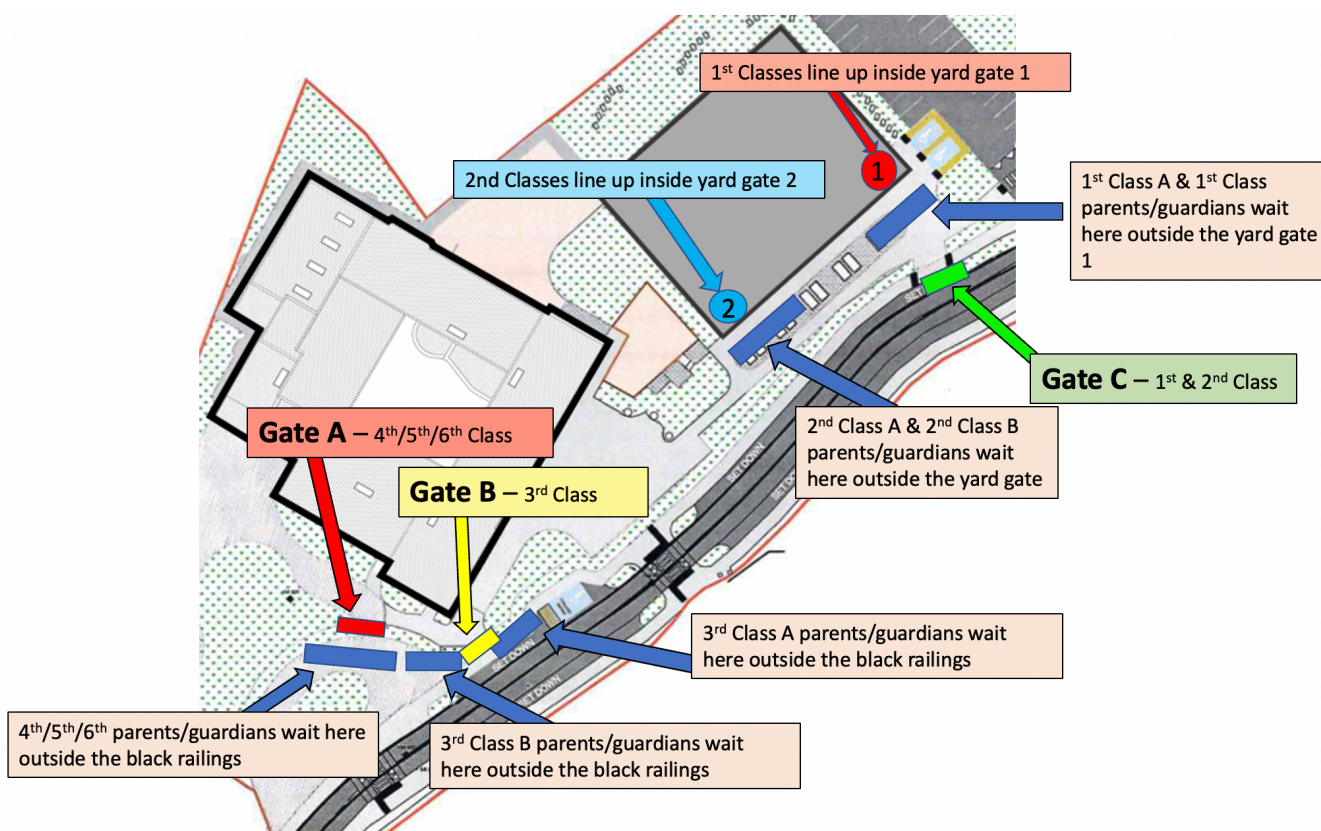
1st Class to 6th Class Collection Arrangements

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. 300 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 for 2nd to 6th Class (If you haven't used Seesaw before, your class teacher will send instructions prior to homework starting). Junior Infants to 1st class use homework packs.

Communication with the school

Class teachers will communicate with parents using Aladdin Connect/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.

For new Junior Infants and older pupils – Aladdin Connect will be set up for you at the start of the new school year.

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.



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 and programmes.



Pupil Supplies

Lunches

Each pupil will bring a morning snack and will receive a Hot Meal at lunch time, as selected by families from the weekly menu provided by Glanmore on the app.

Pupils should also bring their water bottle each day.

Note – Hot Meals does not start back until Monday 2nd September **so all pupils will need to bring a full lunch on Thursday 29th August and Friday 30th August.**

Note – for the small number of pupils who do not avail of Glanmore Hot Meals, please continue to bring a full lunch each day.

Glanmore will have been in contact with **new pupil families** over the Summer months re setting up the app. Do not worry if you have not set up – there will be extra hot lunches the first few weeks to accommodate this until your app is up and running!

New Junior Infant pupils will not receive Hot Meals until they commence the full day (Monday 23rd September).

Pencil cases

Each pupil has their own pencil case with stationery. All other stationery/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, 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 you 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) – ordered via Wriggle and collected from school the first day
- I have joined Aladdin Connect (by mid September)
- I have joined the Glanmore app (by mid 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/phone number/emergency contact.
- I have informed the school if my child has a medical condition/allergy.
- I have provided the school with any reports which include school recommendations