



Duleek GNS FAQs regarding the safe return to school last updated: 26/08/20

1. What does my child need to bring on the first day back?

Your child will need to bring along schoolbag, lunch and stationery, as per guidance note received in June. Please clearly label all stationery, pens and pencils, etc. These items will then remain in school, with their books. We would also recommend you have some stationery at home if we move towards assigning homework in the future.

2. What happens at lunchtime/playtime?

The breaks have been separated into two groups, with staggered times. Pupils will remain with their class bubble and go to their designated play space. Each yard has been divided up into sections so they will not be mixing with other class bubbles. They will be able to chat to their friends from other classes at a safe distance.

3. Are all children expected to socially distance?

Every effort will be made to encourage all pupils to abide by the recommended distance. However, this will not always be possible, especially with the younger pupils and those with additional needs. A common sense approach will be taken.

4. What happens if my child displays symptoms of Covid 19?

Please see response plan (available on website) for details of this on page 12. This document can be accessed in the policy section of our school website.

5. Will the teachers be wearing masks?

All school staff will be wearing masks and/or visors if they cannot maintain a 2metre distance from the pupils.

6. What about access to SNA support?

If your child has been sanctioned access to SNA support, she will receive this support. It is important to remember that the amount of support will vary depending on the needs of each child.

7. Does my child have to wear a uniform?

Yes, where possible. It is also recommended that children wear different clothes every day. However, there will be no issue with wearing a plain tracksuit in order to arrive to school each day in fresh clothes. We do not want to put parents under pressure to have a washed full uniform everyday or spend additional money on extra uniforms.

8. Does my daughter have to wear a mask to school?

The wearing of masks is optional. At the moment, the guidelines do not recommend them for pupils under the age of 13. However, pupils are welcome to wear them if they feel more comfortable. They are a requirement on the buses.

9. Does my child need to bring hand sanitizer to school?



No, the school has been fitted with hand sanitizing stations. If your daughter would rather use her own hand sanitizer they are welcome to do so although they must be kept in their school bag.

10. Do I need to put lunch boxes in a separate bag?

Our advice is to wash all items relating to lunch such as boxes, beakers, cutlery etc. daily. Lunch boxes do not need to be placed in a separate plastic bag.

11. Will my child be getting homework?

For the month of September, we will not be allocating homework. All school books will be left in the classroom. The situation will then be reviewed. If you would like to work with your daughter at home we would encourage you to read with her or spend time discussing their day.

12. If my child forgets something for school, can I drop it up to the school?

We are encouraging parents to visit the school as little as possible. If the item is urgently needed, then yes you may drop it to the office. There will be a table in the porch for you to place the item and it will be brought to your child. Please label clearly, with child's name and class.

13. Can I send a note to the class teacher?

If you need to contact the class teacher during the first week, please contact the office at duleekgirls2009@gmail.com. An alternative method of communicating with your daughter's class teacher will be used after the first week and this will be communicated to you.

14. What time does supervision start?

Supervision starts at 8.50 when the first arrivals are accepted. Please note there will be no supervision before this time.