

★ Welcome back! ★

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Castlebar! We are delighted to see all the older pupils return and especially delighted to welcome all our new pupils and families. Everyone has settled back quickly and although slightly different this year, we are determined to help your child make the best progress possible.

Of course we are still in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic and are taking every precaution possible. Here is a quick reminder of our protocols

- Staggered entry at the beginning and end of the days. Parent, Carers and Passenger Assistants will quickly handover children to a staff member. Please only have minimal contact with staff at your handover to avoid too many people gathering.
- Children (and staff) are kept in their class and team bubbles (Yellow, Green, Red, Blue, Orange, and Purple). They eat their lunches in their classrooms and play outside within their bubble.
- We have additional cleaning every day and all staff and pupils have to practice good handwashing and cleaning.

Suspected cases of Covid 19



- **high temperature** – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (temperature does not need to be taken)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If a child has any of the above symptoms, parents/carers will be called and asked to take their child home. They must isolate for 10 days and the family must isolate for 14 days. You are strongly encouraged to book a test which you can do online. This is national advice from both the Government and NHS England <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Confirmed cases

If a child or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus, then they will have to stay at home for at least 10 days. All children and staff within that bubble will have to stay at home for 14 days. If anyone develops symptoms they can request a test online. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

As a final reminder, the latest Government advice is that social gatherings (with some exemptions) of more than six people will be illegal in England from Monday. It is clearly important that we all do as much as possible to protect each other and our community. The Castlebar community was amazing during the summer lockdown and we will continue to work together during this next period.

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Flowchart for parents: what to do if someone has symptoms of COVID-19

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