

# S N Thír Mocháin

## Tiermohan School News

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We are delighted to welcome you all back for the new school year 2020/2021. We have never experienced such an extended closure before so the preparation for the return to school this year had its own challenges, but, working together, school and home, we are now 3 weeks in and are glad to say 'all is going well'. We are very thankful to everyone working on the front line, especially those in our extended school community, for keeping us all safe from Covid-19. We extend our sympathies to those who lost loved ones over the last few months, due to the virus or other illnesses. These really are unprecedented times but if we continue to follow HSE guidelines—proper handwashing, good cough/sneeze etiquette, maintain physical distance—we will all be helping in the fight to stop the spread of Coronavirus.

The full school calendar is on our website:  
<http://www.tiermohanns.ie>

However, a Department of Education and Skills circular states that in the event of unforeseen closures, we may need to open on days we had originally planned to close. These include days in February and around Easter. We encourage parents/guardians not to make holiday plans for these days in particular, in case we need to remain open.



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, visitors to the school are not permitted unless previously arranged with the Principal or school secretary.

All pre-approved visitors must first complete the Contact Tracing form (QR Code on the front door of the school) and 'submit' it to the Office before entrance to the school building will be permitted. **There are strictly NO exceptions to this rule.**

Pupil Insurance cover—Each year the school organises insurance cover for parents who wish to avail of it for their child(ren). The cost for 24 hour cover is €10.10 per child. This insurance covers children in the event of an accident, subject to the exclusions and conditions on the application form. This year, payment can only be accepted by bank transfer to the following school bank account: IBAN: IE46ULSB98587021708093

BIC: ULSBIE2D

Account Name: Tiermohan NS Expenses A/C

Details of insurance policy are on the attached form but instead of signing the form please email Helen at [office@tiermohanns.ie](mailto:office@tiermohanns.ie) to confirm you wish to purchase this insurance cover. In your reply please include your child(ren)'s name, address and class. Closing date for receipt of payment/confirmation is **FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER**



We are delighted with our 'new look' - a fresh paint job has hugely improved our kerb appeal. As the water tower will be demolished as part of our new extension it would have been wasteful to paint it—Please excuse its appearance in the meantime!

Fáilte! We welcome Mr Fleming as a permanent member of staff. Also, our new Junior Infants: Abbie, Fenius, Caoimhe, Luke, Grace, Matthew, Kate, Michael, Katie, Nathan and Sadhbh.



The Board of Management insurers ask us each year to remind you that we are not responsible for children on the school grounds before school opening time- 9:00am, and after school closing time- 1:40pm for infants and 2:40pm for all other classes.



Staggered start times will always apply on wet mornings  
A text message from the school will not be necessary in the future.

Surnames A-G: 9:00am  
Surnames H-P: 9:10am  
Surnames Q-Z: 9:20am



We continue with **healthy eating** habits in all classes. Please do not send nuts or nut-based foods (eg, Nutella) in school lunches. No yogurts or yogurt drinks for infants. Also, children should not share lunches in school. Remember to include an extra piece of fruit/veg for a healthy snack at 10am. Please update us if your child has any new health issues relevant to school.

May we gently remind parents that the school must send a report to the National Education and Welfare Board regarding absences. We are obliged to send a list of the children who are absent for more than twenty days in the school year to the NEWB. We trust you understand our obligations in this matter.



All reasons for absences, late arrivals, early collections, must be EMAILED to Helen at [office@tiermohanns.ie](mailto:office@tiermohanns.ie)—hand-written notes cannot be accepted.



Parents / Guardians / Childminders, we respectfully request that you continue the practice of dropping children off and promptly leaving the vicinity of the school, which helps prevent the spread of the virus in our community.

We trust you understand that any new measures which have been put in place this year are due to Covid-19 and our commitment to help stop the spread of the virus.



Normally at this time of the year children in classes 3rd to 5th would be enjoying 8 weeks of swimming lessons. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we are not in a position to offer swimming lessons during this term but we will keep this under review as a possibility for later in the school year.

While the facility to email teachers directly during the unprecedented school closure was hugely beneficial for communication, now that we are back in school teachers' emails are not checked on a regular basis.

Urgent emails should be sent to Helen at [office@tiermohanns.ie](mailto:office@tiermohanns.ie)