

- Pupils are asked to wear a fresh uniform every day, if at all possible, to reduce the risk of infection. To make this a little easier for parents we have agreed that for the period in which the school is operating under Covid-19 prevention guidance, all pupils may wear their tracksuit on any day of the week. Parents have the option of alternating between the formal school uniform & school tracksuit or having two school tracksuits.
- When children return to school on Thursday 27th, they should bring all books. These will remain in school. Please ensure your child is equipped with their own pencil, rubber, ruler, crayons, colouring pencils, pritt stick etc. Each should be labeled with your child's name. These items will remain in the child's zip folder and no one else will touch them or use them. No sharing is permitted.
- Children will bring their own packet of tissues, wipes and hand sanitizer from home and they will remain in this zip pocket. Please ensure all zip pockets are labeled with your child's name.
- Children may take a lunch box to school. No sharing of food/drink will be permitted. Children must be able to open/peel all items in their lunchboxes themselves. All packaging will be kept in the lunchbox for disposal at home. Lunchboxes must be cleaned thoroughly each evening.
- In the event that early collection is needed parents must wait at the porch area at the front entrance of the boys' school and your child will be brought out to meet you.

While these plans are provisional, as the guidance is subject to change, we hope it provides some clarity about your son's return to school. You will receive further information in the coming weeks. Please access and follow the school's communications via our website and textparent for up-dates.

There will be many changes to the organisation of the school and to the running of the school day but we are confident that the children will cope with these without difficulty. We are aware that some children will be anxious about their return to school so it may be worth watching the 'Welcome to our school' video on our website before their return. This will help to allay worries which some pupils may have. If you have any particular concerns about your child's return to school please contact the school email: [office@stmalachysbns.ie](mailto:office@stmalachysbns.ie).

I look forward to welcoming your child/children back to school!

Yours sincerely,

**Keith Farrell**

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Principal