



Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sickness Bug

You might be aware that this week we have had low staff levels due to some illness. A huge thank you to all staff for covering and all their flexibility. Unfortunately, today, we had no other choice but to close our Year 4 class due to low staffing levels and illness. We have seen an increased level of a sickness bug in school. To prevent further spread of the bug we have increased cleaning levels and are encouraging good hygiene across the school. If your child is unwell with a sickness bug, please do not bring them to school. They are allowed to return to school 48 hours after their last bout of sickness. Many thanks for your support with this.

Uniform Update

Many thanks for all the parents who filled in the survey regarding changes to the uniform. We have also consulted the School Council, who are our elected student group that help to make decisions in school.

Based on all the feedback, we have decided that our uniform will be adjusted, to reduce the cost for parents and help children feel comfortable in the clothes they wear.

Our uniform policy will now be for all children:

- Sky blue polo shirt with school logo (compulsory item)
- Navy blue sweatshirt with school logo (compulsory item)
- The polo shirt and sweatshirt are worn on both PE and non-PE days.
- On non-PE days, children can wear navy trousers, shorts or skirt or a blue/white checked dress with school shoes.
- On PE days, children can wear navy tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings with trainers.
- There will not be 'summer' or 'winter' uniform, but just one uniform which can be adjusted for the weather (e.g. wear shorts rather than trousers).



The sky blue polo shirt and navy blue sweatshirt are already part of our uniform policy. It is important to note that children can continue to wear their current uniform as long as they wish (e.g. until they grow out of it!).

We have been working with another uniform supplier to take over from JSSK - more details to follow. We know that there might be supply issues in the interim period between suppliers. If you cannot purchase branded items, children are welcome to wear t-shirt/jumper in the school colours without branding.

Voice 21/Oracy and World Book Day

It was lovely to see children enjoying shared reading on World Book Day, where older year groups read with younger children. Many children have entered a book cover competition – winners announced next week! A huge thank you to the Friends of Samares for the lovely World Book Day gifts.

This week, our 'Samares Gets Talking' is all about World Book Day.

<https://www.samares.sch.je/page/?title=Samares+Gets+Talking%21&pid=86>

Term Dates

You can find the term dates by following the link below. Our last day of the Spring term is Wednesday 27th March and the first day back after Easter is Tuesday 16th April. Monday 15th April is a teacher training day.

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/SchoolLife/pages/termdates.aspx>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Many thanks,

