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A thuistí, a chairde

Tá mé ag teacht chugaibh maidir le fógra an Rialtais agus an treoir atá tugtha go mbeidh páistí Rang 3-6 ag caitheamh measc ar scoil, mar chur chuige sealadach toisc méadú ar líon na gcásanna Covid i measc pháistí bunscoile, chomh maith leis na buairteanna atá ann i dtaobh an gné nua Covid. Tá sé seo faomhaithe anois ag an Rialtas agus tá sé le teacht i bhfeidhm láithreach.

Tá treoracha tagtha chun na scoile agus gheobhaidh sibh leis seo iad, chomh maith le litir ón CMO do thuismitheoirí. Bheimís buíoch ach dá léifeadh sibh na cáipéisí seo. Iarrfaimid ansin go dtosóidh na páistí ag caitheamh measc ó mhaidin amárach. Tuigimid gur fógra gearr é seo do pháistí ó Rang 3-6 agus beidh muid tuisceannach maidir le cabhrú leo agus deis a thabhairt dóibh dul i dtaithí orthu. Tuigimid go dtógfaidh sé roinnt laethanta ar pháistí dul i dtaithí air seo. Cuirfidh na múinteoirí sosanna measc ar fáil le linn an lae agus ní bheidh ar pháistí iad a chaitheamh nuair atá siad taobh amuigh.

Tuigimid leis go roinnt páistí i gcomhthéacsanna áirithe msh riachtanais bhreise (féach an treoir iniata) agus nach mbeadh sé oiriúnach dóibh measc a chaitheamh agus sna comhthéacsanna sin ní gá ach teagmháil a dhéanamh linn.

Ba mhaith linn a shoiléiriú nach polasaí scoile é seo ach gur polasaí de chuid an rialtais é. Déanfaidh muid gach iarracht cabhrú agus tacú leis na páistí dul i dtaithí orthu seo. De réir mar a thagann breis eolais ón Roinn maidir leis seo ó thaobh rialú praiticiúil de roinnfidh muid an t-eolas sin libh.

Arís, tá muid anseo chun tacú leis na páistí agus táimid buíoch as an tacaíocht ar fad.

I am writing to you regarding the Government announcement yesterday that children in classes **from 3rd class upwards** should wear face coverings in school, as a temporary measure due to the increase in cases amongst school children and concerns around the new variant of Covid. This has now been sanctioned by the government this afternoon and will come into effect immediately.

We have received guidance from the Department of Education, which we have attached, on how this should operate in schools. Please read the guidance carefully. I have also attached a letter from the CMO (Chief Medical Officer) Pupils from 3rd class and up, are asked to wear face coverings to school from tomorrow morning. We appreciate that this is very short notice for all and we will be as understanding as possible in supporting and helping our students with them. We also appreciate that it will take a number of days for the students to embed the practice and get used to wearing masks in school. Teachers will provide mask breaks for students during the day at intervals and the students will not have to wear them when outside. There will be masks available in school also for children if needed. We understand that in some specific circumstances (eg children with additional needs) mask wearing may not be appropriate and if you have any concerns in relation to this, please contact us.

Please understand that it is not a school decision but rather government policy. We will make every effort to assist pupils in adjusting to this new reality for them. We are seeking more advice from the Department on the specifics of how it will operate in practical terms, and as we get more information, we will pass this on to parents. We attach all the information we have received.

Again, we are here to support our pupils and we appreciate all of your support.

Is mise le meas,
Clodagh Ní Mhaoilchiaráin.
Príomhoide.