

## **Letter 4 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2020**

Dear parents and guardians,

Please find links to advice from the HSE below. It is important that you familiarise yourself with the information on these pages.

### **Updated Advice from HSE**

If your child has symptoms of Coronavirus

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html#stay-at-home>

Protecting your child from Coronavirus

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protecting-your-child.html>

### **Rental Books**

At the end of last term, we asked you to keep rental books at home until the start of the term. These books can be returned to school next week.

Please place your child's rental books -My Read at Home, Léigh sa Bhaile, Cracking Maths (3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class)- in a plastic bag, labelled with your child's name, class and list of books returned.

This bag will then be placed in storage boxes which will be placed along points of the entry route to school from 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

All books will be placed in outdoor secure quarantine for 72 hours from their return date. Books will then be cleaned and disinfected. They will be stored for a further 72 hours before being circulated to pupils.

### **Labelling**

Reminder to please label all of your child's belongings. Label copies, books, and pens, twistables, rulers, lunch boxes, bottles, pencil case etc with your child's name and class.

Also label clothes with your child's name and class – especially coats and jumpers.

The **outside** of school bags should also be labelled – a key ring might be useful for this or some school bags may have an existing label on the outside.

Facecloths/ Handtowels should be placed in a ziplock bag or wipeable washbag – also labelled.

We appreciate that this is a lot of labelling and thank you in advance for your co-operation with this measure.

### **Bike Racks**

Due to limited space on the school grounds no bike racks are currently available for use. This will be reviewed going forward.

### **Personal book storage - Magazine File**

In order to separate your child's books from other pupils' books we ask that you provide a sturdy (preferably plastic) magazine file for your child's desk.



Photo for reference. Can be any colour or make.

### **Resource Fee and Educate Together Fee**

Aladdin Schools are currently upgrading our Connect App to include a payment facility. When this upgrade is complete you will see a payment option on your child's profile. An Aladdin notification message will be sent to notify you when this payment portal is active. The Educate Together membership fee is €15 per pupil and the Resource Fee is €80 per pupil. A discount of 20% applies to the resource fee for the third and subsequent child in each family. Discount cannot be applied to the membership fee which is payable to Educate Together. These payments can be made to the school by early October.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and understanding as we prepare for the safe return to school.

Mise le meas,

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