**DROP OFF & COLLECTION TIMES:**

**Síolta:** Children can be dropped to the door of their prefab and collected from the door by a parent or escort.

**Early Start:**

* For the first two weeks children to be dropped off at **9.00am** and collected at **11.40am**. From Week 3 onwards the times are **9.00-12.00pm**.
* One parent only can accompany their child to the classroom at 9.00am. Parents cannot enter the building before this time.
* **Parent must wear a face mask**
* At collection time the teacher will bring the children outside and your child will walk to you. Parents must wait in the yard and keep a safe distance from each other

**Junior Infants:**

* Day 1: **10am-12pm**
* Day 2 and for the first two weeks **8.50am-12pm**
* From Week 3 onwards the times are **8.50am-1.30pm**.
* On the first day, one parent only can accompany their child into the classroom.
* From day two onwards one parent can bring their child to the entrance where staff will accompany their child to the classroom
* **Parent must wear a face mask**
* At collection time the teacher will bring the children outside and your child will walk to you. Parents must wait in the yard and keep a safe distance from each other.
* From Week 3 onwards parents will collect children at the gate of the school at 1.30pm.

**Senior Infants:**

* Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
* Parents can drop children to the door of the Senior Infant prefabs in the main school yard
* Children can be collected at 1.30pm. At collection time the teacher will bring the children outside to the school gate and your child will walk to you. Parents must wait outside the gate.

**First Class (Mr. O’ Neill/Ms. Leo):**

* Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
* Children can be dropped off at the Lift entrance on Day 1 (this is the white part of the building above the main yard and prefabs). From Day 2 onwards children must walk themselves in from the gate.
* Children can be collected at 2.30pm at the Lift entrance. The teacher will bring the children out side. Please wait in the yard and your child will walk to you.
* Please keep a safe distance from other parents while waiting in the yard

**Second Class 1 (Ms. Murphy):**

* Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
* Children can be dropped off at the Lift entrance on Day 1 (this is the white part of the building above the main yard and prefabs). From Day 2 onwards children must walk themselves in from the gate.
* Children can be collected at 2.30pm at the lower entrance (where Early Start and infant classes are). This is to reduce congestion. The teacher will bring the children out side. Please wait in the yard and your child will walk to you.
* Please keep a safe distance from other parents while waiting in the yard.

**Second Class 2 (Ms Stevenson):**

* Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
* Children can be dropped off at the entrance by the blue school hall on Day 1 (this is the door between the old yellow building and the school hall at the top of the wheelchair ramp). From Day 2 onwards children must walk themselves in from the gate.
* Children can be collected at 2.30pm from the same entrance. The teacher will bring the children out side. Please wait in the yard and your child will walk to you.
* Please keep a safe distance from other parents while waiting in the yard

**Third Class (Ms Thomas/ Miss Cummins):**

* Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
* Children must enter the school through the main entrance (on Churchfield Terrace/by the Secretaries Office). Parents must leave children at the gate on Churchfield Terrace
* At 2.30pm the children will leave using this exit also and can be collected on Churchfield Terrace. Parents are asked to stay outside the gate and to keep their distance from each other.

**Fourth Class (Mr. O’ Connor/Mr. Shine):**

* Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
* They must enter the school through the Churchfield Hill gate and walk to the large prefab there.
* At 2.30pm the children will walk out the Churchfield Hill gate, please collect your child on the Hill as parents are not allowed past the gate

**Fifth & Sixth Class ( Mr. W. Casey/ Ms. Uí Dhomhnaill/Ms. Whelton/Mr. D. Casey):**

* Children can be dropped to school from 8.30am to 8.50am, they will be supervised by a teacher in their classroom
* Children must enter school by the entrance by the blue school hall, at the top of the wheelchair ramp.
* Children will leave at 2.30pm via the same exit and walk out through the main yard. If you are collecting your child, please wait on the main yard and keep your distance from other parents

**What Should Your Child Bring to School?**

**School books and Stationery**

* The school books cost €50 per child and is capped at €150 per family. This cost covers books, folders and copies. We ask that all families pay this cost during the month of September please.
* Your child can bring their own pencil case containing the usual supplies (pencils, rubber, ruler, colours etc.) This can stay in school for September as there will be no homework for the first month of school
* There is no need to bring copies/paper etc.
* **Please make sure everything is labelled with your child’s name**

**Uniforms/Tracksuits**

* School Uniform is navy pants/skirt/pinafore, blue shirt, red tie. The navy school jumper for Scoil Padre Pio is available in Buckleys in Shandon St. The school tracksuit is worn with a red polo shirt and is also available in Buckleys in Shandon St. As you may be aware, Scoil Padre Pio has an online portal with O’ Neills which is selling Scoil Padre Pio branded sportswear. This gear is completely optional and there is no pressure on parents to purchase it. If you do purchase a tracksuit from O’Neills, it can be worn to school on tracksuit days.
* **Please make sure everything is labelled with your child’s name**

**Lunches**

* This year the children will be provided with hot lunches from Ashdale Catering. We have attached a letter for you from Ashdale requesting that you email your details to them so that they can send you a menu of the food available and you can make the appropriate choices with and for your child
* **Children must bring their own lunch for the first week of school.** The hot lunches will be provided from week 2 onwards.
* Children must bring their own drink to school in a bottle which is labelled with their name

**Covid-19 Regulations and Your Child:**

At Scoil Padre Pio we will follow the governments Public Health guidelines and the Dept. of Education’s guidance on reopening schools (<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a0bff-reopening-our-primary-and-special-schools/>). There are some very useful videos available to help you and your child to prepare for the return to school on the following HSE link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#returning-to-school>

and also on Youtube:

* Parents Video<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbsH11wOByM>
* Video for Junior Infants children:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UomH_vakjDI>
* Video for Senior Infants to 2nd class children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4smnni5jpGI>
* Video for 3rd-6th class children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fWeCikohlA>

In accordance with the HSE guidelines the following measures will be in place;

* Parents/Guardians are asked to fill out the return to school form on Aladdin or return by email to scoilpadrepio@gmail.com (form attached) or indeed bring a printed copy to school on the first day.
* Children will sanitise their hands on arrival at school, before eating, after using the toilet, after yard times etc.
* Our classrooms have been set up to ensure physical distance
* Children from Junior Infants to Second class are not expected to social distance within the classroom and as such will be able to play with all members of their class.
* Classes from 3rd-6th will sit in PODS (small groups) in the classroom. They are not expected to remain in these PODS at yard time.
* Yard times will be staggered so that classes do not mix on the yard

More information is available in our Covid-19 Response Plan and Policy (<http://scoilpadrepio.com/Covid19.html>)

**Face Coverings:**

* It is **not** recommended that children wear face coverings in school but we will not prevent children from doing so.
* Teachers will be wearing face masks in the classroom and while moving around the school grounds.
* Any parents who are entering the school building **must wear a facemask**
* It is recommended that parents wear face masks when gathering in the yard to collect children.

**What if I need to speak to a Teacher?**

* Meeting a teacher will be strictly by appointment only
* An appointment must be made, by phone, through the school secretary
* If you make an appointment to meet a staff member you must wear a face mask and complete the school’s contact tracing paperwork when entering the building.

**What if my child feels sick in the morning?**

* Please keep your child at home if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19

Please check the HSE website for the symptoms of Covid-19 <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/symptoms.html>

* If your child is in school and displays Covid symptoms you will be contacted immediately and we will follow the HSE isolation guidelines <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/59843-dealing-with-a-suspected-case-of-covid-19/>

**Aladdin Connect:**

Last June the school signed up to Aladdin connect. We will be using the Aladdin Connect app to communicate all school information to parents. The app will allow you to easily access messages from the school, communicate with teachers and to see details of your child’s attendance, test results, report cards etc. A number of parents have yet to sign up to Aladdin. Next week you will receive a text/email message containing your personal registration link. (Please let the school know if your email address or phone number has changed recently). Click on this link to see the parent connect sign up process. <https://aladdin.ie/files/pdf/ParentSignUp.pdf> If you have any queries or need assistance please contact your class teacher or the office on 0214302045

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding during this difficult period for everybody. Our main objective is to keep everyone safe and well so that school can run as normal for all the children. If we all follow the guidelines that are in place this should help us to achieve our goal.