



Scoil Naomh Feichín

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES

Dear parents / guardians –

Our school reopened for the spring term on January 5th 2023.

It was wonderful to see so many of the pupils attending school for the first day of term as we were worried that some children would still be suffering from the viruses and infections that have been doing the rounds over the last few months.

Recordings of Christmas Concerts

Many thanks to the parents who have contributed towards the cost of making video recordings of both school concerts last month. We are asking each school family to contribute €5 – this will provide you with links to both concerts. These concerts can then be recorded onto a DVD or flash drive, if required.

The cost of recording both concerts was €800 and so far, we have received about half of that amount in contributions. We would really appreciate any additional contributions over the coming week or two.

€5 can be sent in to the school with your child or else lodged to the school account by bank transfer – thank you.

Account Name: Scoil Naisiúnta Naomh Feichín

Bank: Bank of Ireland, Laurence Street, Drogheda

Account No. 16363498

Sort Code: 90-33-22

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE61BOFI90332216363498

These are the links to both concerts –

<https://youtu.be/mYUNSZu-J1o> (Monday, Dec 12th 2022)

<https://youtu.be/HD33buNZwrM> (Tuesday, Dec 13th 2022)

Message to School Communities from HSE -

(see school website for full message)

<https://www.scoilnaomhfeichin.ie/spring-term-news-jan-2023>

Re: Significant levels of Flu, Covid-19 and RSV currently circulating.

A message from the HSE reminding parents/guardians that even though many children have a runny noses or slight coughs during the winter season, if a child is feeling unwell, they should be at home.

For example, they may have:

- **fever**
- **cough**
- **sore throat**

They should stay at home until those symptoms have finished. Children unwell with symptoms of one infection are more likely to get 'co-infected' with another infection which might make them more unwell, if they are exposed.

See <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>

Staying home when unwell will help prevent spread to other children, families and staff.

New Junior Infants 2023/24

The application process is now open for the new school year 2023/24. Applications for places in the new Junior Infants classes should be submitted by January 31st 2023. The link to the Enrolment Application Form is on the school website:

<https://www.scoilnaomhfeichin.ie/spring-term-news-jan-2023>

Parents who would like to register their intention to enrol their child in future years may complete the "*Intention to Enrol Form*" and then drop this form into the school office.

We will know shortly if there are any places available in our special class for children with autism for the school year 2023/24 and if so, an Admissions Notice will be published on the school website before the end of January 2023.

Admissions Policy Statement (Revised - Dec 2022)

The school's Admissions Statement & Policy were both revised at the end of 2022. Click the link on the school website to view the updates.

<https://www.scoilnaomhfeichin.ie/spring-term-news-jan-2023>

Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment - (Updated)

The Board of Management carried out the annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment at its meeting on November 28th 2022. The updated documents can also be found by clicking the link above.

Important Dates this Term

- Feb 6th (Mon) ---- Public Holiday
- Feb 16th & 17th (Thurs & Fri) ----- Midterm Break
- March 16th & 17th (Thurs & Fri) ----- Public Holiday Break
- March 31st (Fri) ----- Final Day of Spring Term
- April 17th (Mon) ---- First Day of Summer Term.