**St. Brendan’s PS**





**“FREE Summer Camp Programme 2020”**

We are delighted that you have accepted a place at our school summer camp this August.

The CAMP is going ahead as the school is confident we have the measures in place to ensure safety of staff and pupils alike. This camp is ESSENTIAL to our pupils and is permitted to open according to safety guidelines.

I thank you for your patience and understanding as we had some plans in place that had to be reviewed to ensure they are in line with the latest guidance from NPHET – COVID19 response plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of schools. As always please feel free to contact the school(principal@stbrendansps.ie) if you have any questions.

* Dates- **Monday 17th – Friday 21st August 2020**
* Venue- St Brendan’s PS Birr
* Teachers- Ms Pilkington / Mr Cunningham / Ms Grace
* Times- 22.5 hours over 5 days: 10am-2.30pm
* COVID19- Schools are required to operate camps in accordance with the relevant public health guidelines so therefore all safety precautions will be in place to protect pupils and staff. ( see below)
* Cost- **Free** – Funded by the DES
* No Uniforms- Casual clothes
* Great pupil teacher ratio – 1:12
* Pupils must provide their own transport to and from the camp
* Same school rules- Code of Behaviour applies
* Excursions and activities – castle / park / library - (Unlikely due to Offaly Lockdown)

NOTE – We only have 36 valuable places to fill in a school of nearly 200 boys so we ask you to please make the effort to send your son each day to the camp.

**Lunches**

Its great that we have been able to get Glanmore Foods to provide a Healthy and filling Lunch every day. The camp teachers might also have a little surprise on Friday –Supermacs!! !

Boys can bring their own ( healthy) snacks if they wish. The lunch menu is

* + Muffin & Yogurt / Crackers & Cheese--- alternate days
	+ Sandwich – Ham / plain / chicken / cheese
	+ Disposable bottle water
	+ Apple / orange

**COVID-19**

Below are some of the listed measures that we have taken-

* All staff to complete “ pre-return to work questionnaire” and complete the DES COVID19 safety training – completed 31/07/2020 as a group.
* COVID19 policy and risk assessment updated.
* Increased cleaning organised for the school area used by SP.
* Signage and hands-free sanitizing stations set up in school.
* PPE supplies in school to be used accordingly.
* As per the protocols, staff may wear masks/visors when close contact is necessary but will at all times maintain social distancing and good hand/ respiratory hygiene habits.
* Pupils will not be required to wear masks or visors unless parents wish it re underlying condition / family reason.
* Pupils may bring their own small sanitizer if they wish but school will provide for both staff and pupils regardless.
* Pupils will be seated in large classrooms ( Pods / groups of 12) with the same teacher for the week.
* With regard to local visits , walks excursions which were always part of our programme, we will try to continue taking the safety steps necessary and it may be possible to go. We have contacted local library , castle and will see what their protocols are. Our school garden is an amazing resource that will be used daily no doubt.
* For garden / computer / aistear use, we have purchased at great expense- a mister / sanitizer machine which can allow different pupils / groups to access equipment and sensory room.
* We are using 3 rooms in the senior school end to ensure that social distancing is possible.
* An isolation room has been set up so any pupil / staff member who displays symptoms can go there and be supervised safely until collection. Then contact tracing sheet at door can be used in case of positive test. We also have a contactless thermometer on site for use in such situations.
* Boys will use their own colours / pencils on the programme- supplied by school.
* All classes and toilets set up with soap / sanitizer / paper towels / hand dryer.
* Staff supplied with some cleaning and sanitizing equipment to look after own areas and touch points.

**New drop off arrangements to support social distancing and sanitizing**.

* Pupil parents will be required to only send their son to camp if the answer to the following 2 questions is : NO

Has your son displayed any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours?

 cough /fever / runny nose/breathlessness or flu like symptoms?

Have they been diagnosed with having COVID19

Or been in close contact with anyone displaying symptoms or diagnosed with COVID19?

Line up arrangements at school

Senior infants / 1st class group – Junior yard carpet

2nd class / 3rd class - Front door of school

4th class / 5th class - Senior yard outside double doors

* Parents must take their childs temperature at home each morning and ensure it is under 38’.
* Each child will be asked by teacher in the line if they have checked their temperature is below 38’ to come to camp. If they have not checked or family have no access to thermometer then the teacher must check with “contactless thermometer” – No temp recorded re GDPR etc- Just a tick. If the temp is over 38 then we must advise the family that the child not enter the school and consult medical advice.
* Boys can come to the camp at 10am and home at 2.30pm by themselves if the parent wishes that (just like regular school)
* We ask parents to social distance on the school yard or if possible just drop to gate and avoid the school yard.