Dear Parents,

In the current Covid climate, I want to reassure parents that all possible measures will be followed to ensure a safe, sanitised environment for everyone during art class.

Full payment with this form approved by parent/guardian MUST be provided before classes begin. Please let me know immediately if there are any changes to your contact details.

Students should not attend if they show any signs of a cough, cold or illness. *They will not be permitted to participate in the art class or onto the premises.* If students miss class, I will email a photo of the lesson which they can do at home and send me a photo of the artwork or bring the artwork to the next class for review.

**Arrival and Pick-up**

A one way system will be in place to facilitate socially distanced drop off and pick up.

Only art class students are allowed to enter the building/classroom.

Parents/Guardians must drop-off and pick-up on time to avoid any congregation of students outside the building. I would ask that all parents/guardians please maintain social distancing upon pick-up and drop-off.

If a child is unwell during the class, they will be separated from the group to self-isolate and supervised until they are collected asap by parent or guardian.

**During Class**

I may wear a mask or visor and children may wear a mask in class if they wish.

Regularly touched objects will be sanitised before and after class. Where applicable, windows will be kept open for ventilation.

Toilet access will be minimised.

When class is due to begin, I will open the outside door. In single file, socially distanced, each child shall sanitise their hands before entering the art room.

Children will sit a minimum of 1m apart and remain in their places.

Art materials are designated for each art class/centre. Each child will be assigned their own individual art materials in a plastic folder with their name on it, for that student’s use only, for the course duration. Students should not share materials during class.

Students should follow the HSE requirements of no hand shaking/touching and practice good coughing and sneezing etiquette.

When class is over, all children will line up in single file 1m apart, sanitise their hands and be brought to the exit door for prompt collection by awaiting parents.

In the event of a Lockdown where schools close or classes are cancelled due to HSE recommendations or Covid illness, I may continue the course term as normal by providing online classes.

These policies will be subject to change on an ongoing basis as the virus evolves, public health advice is updated and flexibility is required in meeting measures to reduce the spread of Covid 19.

For more information see Covid-19 advice on returning to the classroom setting: **Gov.ie/returntoschool**,  **hse.ie/coronavirus** and **Return to work Safely Protocol: Covid 19**